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## Only 1-week fuel supply—CUC

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. disclosed yesterday that it only has a one-week supply of fuel for its power generators on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

CUC chief financial officer Charles Warren said the Saipan and Tinian power plants have about one week of fuel on stock, while it has a bit more than a week's supply for Rota.

"We are still buying fuel twice a week

for Saipan, about every 8-10 days for Tinian, and every two weeks for Rota," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Warren said the slow collection on government utility bills continue to pres-

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## Obama to propose expansion of Pacific Ocean marine sanctuary

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THE WASHINGTON POST

President Obama on Tuesday will announce his intent to make a broad swath of the central Pacific Ocean off-limits to fishing, energy exploration and other activi-

ties, according to senior White House officials.

The proposal, slated to go into effect later this year after a comment period, could create the world's largest marine sanctuary and double the area of ocean globally that is fully protected.

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### SOON TO OPEN

An employee of construction contractor Success International Corp. is seen inside the soon-to-be opened permanent Garapan public market at the Garapan Fishing Base yesterday. The Department of Public Works is now conducting inspection of the facility in preparation for its opening which, Gov. Eloy S. Inos said, is important in ensuring "food sustainability in any island community." The permanent public market, which will showcase fresh fish, fruits, and vegetables, and some arts and crafts, is also expected to become a tourist attraction in the weeks ahead.

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## Crunch time to 'fix' more casino law flaws

» Some House members lament lack of joint leadership meeting  
» Resolution on governor's June 30 SOCA

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Rep. Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) and other lawmakers lamented yesterday the lack of a joint leadership meeting between Gov. Eloy S. Inos, the House

of Representatives, and the Senate for months now, even as lawsuits have already been filed over the casino law, more legislative "fixes" are offered to address its flaws, and elected leaders going in different directions.

"If this government claims that this is

an urgent, time sensitive matter, we need to put away the golf clubs and work 24/7 on this. We've never had a joint leadership meeting in a long time to address the issues as one government," Tebuteb told *Saipan Tribune*.

House floor leader Ralph Demapan's (Cov-Saipan) House Bill 18-195 seeks to

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# Local

## Cape Air, United vow commitment to NMI customers

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United Airlines and Cape Air vowed their commitment to CNMI customers yesterday, saying they are aware of the online petition against Cape Air and are addressing the concerns being raised.

In a statement to *Saipan Tribune*, Cape Air's president Linda Markham said that safety is paramount to the company.

"Our commitment to our customers, the community, and most importantly, safety, is paramount. Because of these values, we take all necessary precautions to ensure safe operation of the aircraft, while

mitigating any inconvenience to our customers during service disruptions stemming from required aircraft safety checks," she said in an email.

Cape Air's service to the CNMI has been the subject of an ongoing petition against the airline. As of last week, petition organizer Rose A. Hocog said that over a hundred individuals have affixed their signatures to the petition.

According to Cape Air, it is closely following and has been kept abreast by its team in Micronesia of the petition initiated by Hocog.

Yesterday, Cape Air's Markham said the airline acknowledges the feedback it

received from customers and vowed to address their concerns.

"Acknowledging customer feedback and addressing concerns are essential steps in the process for upholding our standard of providing reliable, safe air service, which we have been proud to do in the region for 10 years," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

In addition to the Cape Air statement, its partner United Airlines, through director for Asia/Pacific Communications Koji Nagata, also assured its commitment to the NMI.

"United Airlines is working closely with our partner Cape Air to ensure our customers receive the highest level of service," according to the United

Airlines official.

The ongoing petition against Cape Air urges elected leaders to probe the "reliability" of the airline's services, including its aircraft. The petition also criticized the airfare being charged Saipan-Guam customers.

According to the petition, Cape Air provides "unacceptable and unreliable air transport service" to residents and tourists from the CNMI to Guam and vice versa. It added that residents of the Marianas who travel to and from Guam are dissatisfied with the service "but are at the mercy of Cape Air." Specific complaints focus on the heat in the cabin of the aircraft, delayed arrival of passen-

gers' luggage, leaks in the cabin, recurring mechanical problems, and delayed flights.

"Residents of the CNMI pay up to \$400 for a round trip ticket to Guam on Cape Air but are not receiving the kind of service they deserve for the amount of money they pay," according to the petition.

The online petition can be found at <http://www.change.org/petitions/cnmi-governor-lt-governor-cnmi>

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## Mandatory age for schooling from 5 to 18 years old pushed

**>>8th grade requirement to be increased to 12th grade**

Rep. George Camacho (R-Saipan) has introduced a bill requiring schooling to begin for all children at 5 years old, one year earlier than the current mandate of 6 years old. His bill also requires that 8th grade education requirement be increased to 12th grade, and that all persons below 18 years old must attend school unless they have already obtained high school diplomas.

Camacho said yesterday that the Public School System and the Board of Education "understand the importance of, and support, requiring kindergarten for our children and extending

the age from 16 to 18 or high school equivalent."

"Based on the last Education Committee meeting, they support the concept and idea," Camacho told *Saipan Tribune*. PSS and BOE could not be immediately reached for comment as of press time.

House Bill 18-194 has been referred to the House Committee on Education.

Camacho, in his bill, said the measure's goal is to "improve education in the Commonwealth by providing opportunities for learning earlier and later in each student's life."

The bill says students that attend the Head Start program or kindergarten have better learning advantages over students who have not.

It says it's in the CNMI education's best interest "to require schooling to begin for all children at the age of 5 years as opposed to the current mandate of 6 years of age."

"The Commonwealth Legislature further finds that the current goal embodied in Commonwealth law of an 8th grade education for all persons is inadequate to the goal of educational excellence and the realities of the 21st century economy," it adds. *(Haidee V. Eugenio)*

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# Ishida, Son are this year's top SSHS graduates



**LICA ISHIDA**  
Board of Education Award  
Valedictorian



**JUA SON**  
Commissioner's Award  
Salutatorian

Saipan Southern High School bestowed its highest academic honors on Lica Ishida and Jua Son, who emerged as the top two outstanding graduates this year, receiving the prestigious Board of Education and Commissioner of Education awards, respectively.

Ishida was hailed the class valedictorian for school year 2013-2014. She led the school's batch of 149 graduates during the institution's 12<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony at its campus.

The 18-year-old is the daughter of Nahoko and Soichiro Ishida. She will soon be moving to Iowa to pursue her education at Grinnell College. Ishida will major in education and music.

Elated by the recognition, Ishida said the honor was unexpected but that all her hard work has paid off.

Son, the second top graduate this year, plans to pursue a nursing degree at Adelphi University in New York. Jua is the daughter of Jae Ok Son and Sun Ja Kim.

In their separate addresses to the graduating class, the two

dedicated their achievements and honors to their parents, families, guardians, mentors, and friends.

"It's time we start setting goals for our future. It's time we start fulfilling our dreams with dedication, determination, and focus that we used to survive high school. And we must not be afraid to fail because failure makes us stronger and prepare us for what's coming up next..." Ishida said in her valedictory address.

Salutatorian Jua Son had this message for her peers: "We have the skills to learn, we have the aptitude to succeed, and we have the ability to make a difference. We're all ready to go..."

Gov. Eloy S. Inos presented the prestigious Governor's Award to Marielle B. Kapileo, also the Class Top 9. The Principal's Award went to Rachel Jude Ramirez.

This year's Top 10 awardees were Ishida, Son, Se Yun Moon, Ye Lin Lee, Young Jeong (Annie) Kim, Katrina May Cruz, Dhale Posadas, Marielle Kap-

ileo, and Allysha Hillary Lloren.

In an interview with Inos, he said he has nothing but confidence and faith on the ability of all graduates to succeed in the future.

Inos said he's hopeful that the graduates—from both

public and private secondary schools—will do meaningful things, something practical and useful so that they can return and help the islands. He described the graduates as the "future" of the CNMI.

This year's commencement exercise at SSHS was keynoted by teacher Dr. Dora B. Miura who talked about the ceremo-

ny's theme "Take a Chance, Make a Difference."

BOE chair Herman T. Guerrero and Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan also delivered congratulatory remarks to the graduates.

"Life is about choices. Take control of your personal power and remember to choose wisely. Let your success today serve as

an inspiration to who will come next to you," said Guerrero.

SSHS acting principal Jonathan Cabrera urged the graduates to "grow in word"; "to grow outward"; and "to grow forward."

Yesterday's ceremony was also graced by members of the Legislature, education officials, and guests. **(Moneth G. Deposa)**



MONETH G. DEPOSA

Recipients of the Top Ten Awards are all smiles during awarding rites yesterday. They include Lica Ishida, Jua Son, Se Yun Moon, Ye Lin Lee, Young Jeong (Annie) Kim, Katrina May Cruz, Dhale Posadas, Marielle Kapileo, and Allysha Hillary Lloren.

## CRUNCH

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clear further ambiguities in the casino law.

Rep. Trenton Conner's (Ind-Tinian) HB 18-196 seeks to apply the Open Government Act to the CNMI Legislature.

Rep. Edmund Villagomez's (Cov-Saipan) House Resolution 18-59, meanwhile, amends the House rule to exceed the present notice requirements of the Open Government Act by mandating 72-hour advance notice for all legislative proceedings of non-emergency nature. Right now, the House rules provides a 24-hour advance notice.

Most of the nearly 200 bills passed by the 18th House complied with the 24-hour advance notice rule, including House Bill 18-179—the bill that became the casino law.

These three measures will be formally introduced in this afternoon's House session.

Private citizen Glen Hunter, one of two individuals who sued government officials over the Saipan casino law, said what is occurring in the CNMI today is a "tragedy."

"The good people of the CNMI have three times entered the polls to publicly declare that casino gambling on Saipan be constitutionally prohibited. More than 7,000 voters in 2009 also demanded that the Open Government Act be made to apply to the Legislature. What we are witnessing today, just months before a general election, are a handful of elected public servants telling the good people of the CNMI that their votes do not concern them and that their demand for transparency in government will not be heeded," he said.

He said he personally doesn't believe a new bill or resolution is needed to ensure that the OGA apply fully to the Legislature.

"Its application today is clear, legal and sound," he added.

Demapan's HB 18-195 repeals and reenacts in its entirety the casino statute, Public Law 18-38, as amended by PL 18-43, to clarify ambiguities and ratify the Lottery Commission's good faith actions including execut-

ing contracts and fund expenditures in reviewing two applications for an exclusive casino license.

"But I have not made up my mind yet whether I would ask my colleagues to place it on calendar for action after I introduce the bill but it can be placed on calendar," Demapan said in an interview yesterday.

His 41-page bill also makes the legislation's application retroactive to the effective date of PL 18-38, which is March 21, 2014.

"The actions or decisions of the Lottery Commission, whether it's June 19 or later will be based on the results of the consultants' investigation," he said.

Demapan said "time is running out" as "people need help now, not later." He reiterated that the law is "not just about casino, but tourism in general and employment opportunities."

"I hope that people who go out and oppose casino without offering alternatives would not politicize the issue. Let's give the casino a chance, allow this legislation to go through. As to the lawsuits, we respect the court to make the decision. My bill is to clarify ambiguities," he said, adding that some individuals used to support casino but once they announced their candidacy in the November elections, "changed their position."

Tebuteb, meanwhile, posed a question related to Demapan's HB 18-195.

"If we don't pass this bill, does that mean that the Lottery Commission will not approve any applicant? Does the Lottery Commission need this bill to make a decision? What difference does it make if we pass or not this bill?" Tebuteb asked.

He said in his view, the bill not only clarifies ambiguities "but also eliminates the referendum on casino and prevents the lawsuits [of] Ray Quichocho and Glen Hunter."

House members that are part of the leadership are now going in different directions not only because of the casino issue but also because of different gubernatorial candidates they are supporting.

The Lottery Commission is now reviewing the applications

of Best Sunshine International Ltd. and Marianas Stars Entertainment Inc. They are vying for a license to exclusively develop a minimum \$2-billion integrated casino resort on Saipan.

Tebuteb also said another reason for Demapan's bill could be the governor's June 30 State of the Commonwealth Address. "It could be to memorialize the release of checks during SOCA," he said.

House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) prefled yesterday House Joint Resolution 18-17 to call for a joint session of the Legislature to receive the governor's SOCA at 10am on June 30 at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Tebuteb also said on the issue of whether or not two casino licenses instead of one should be allowed, "the application process is already ongoing" and changing the rules would draw more lawsuits and concerns.

For a two-license approach to happen, even the two applicants would have to agree to this, he said.

But in his personal view, he would rather have between two and three casino licenses on Saipan. He reiterated, however, that the exclusive casino license process has already started.

The governor himself said the law allows for an exclusive license and the CNMI will have to start all over again if allowing two licenses were to happen. This includes throwing out the applications of Best Sunshine and Marianas Stars.

### More on OGA

Hunter, meanwhile, thanked "the few public officials that have come out admonishing their colleagues for violating the OGA" and hopes that their voice could be heard "loud and clear so that the voters know where they stand."

"I applaud any effort by elected officials to make the workings of government more transparent and open. President Madison has said, 'A popular government, without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a prologue to a farce or a tragedy; or, perhaps, both,'" he added.

He said the founders of the

Commonwealth felt so strongly that the Legislature should operate publicly that it is enshrined in the CNMI Constitution, particularly "Article II Section 14(c) c) The meetings of the legislature and its committees shall be public."

"Our Open Government Act's application to the Legislature simply provides the enforcement of that constitutional provision. How or why the legal counsels for the House and the Senate, and the AGO would argue now five years later that the OGA does not apply to the Legislature is beyond me," Hunter added.

He said one simply has to read the 18th House Rule III Section 4 to see that they have already acknowledged the OGA and its application to them in, particularly "Section 4. Public Sessions. Sessions of the House and joint sessions of the House and Senate shall be open to the public, [...] in accordance with The Open Government Act[...]"

### 'Let voters decide'

Rather than continue to violate laws, mount publicity campaigns or continue to operate in secrecy, Hunter said a quick remedy can be made to correct the many wrongs created by the "rushed special interest legislation."

"I humbly ask the Legislature to repeal the Casino Act in its entirety and simply replace it with a legislative initiative to go on this November's ballot that simply asks all the voters if they would like to legalize casino gambling [on] Saipan," he said.

This, Hunter said, would remedy both the violation of the OGA in the passage of the casino act and the violation of the amendment to the constitutional ban on casino gaming on Saipan.

"This simple process would halt all current legal actions and allow the good people of the CNMI the power to determine if the constitutional ban on casino gaming in Saipan should be lifted or retained," he added.

The \$30 million in advance license fees that the two casino applicants deposited in escrow has been set aside to restore CNMI retirees' deferred 25 percent pension since last year.

## FUEL

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ent operational challenges for CUC.

"But so far we've managed to continue funding all necessary power plants and engine maintenance," he added.

Warren said that CUC's power production is currently more than adequate. It has 60 percent excess capacity on Saipan, 250 percent excess capacity on Tinian, and 400 percent excess capacity on Rota.

Based on April records, Saipan has a power generation of 45.9 megawatts; Rota has 5.2MW; and Tinian has 20MW.

He revealed that fuel use has fallen about 10 percent from fiscal year 2012 levels as a result of a decline in customer base and improved efficiencies.

CUC operates three power plants, which are all oil-fueled diesel engines. It spends between \$60 million and \$65 million each year on fuel.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos again declared this week a state of emergency for the utilities corporation, citing continuing concerns on two factors: fiscal constraints and lack of qualified U.S. citizens for many of their jobs.

"The emergency orders continue because of the continued fiscal issues, but also to allow CUC to continue to employ workers who are not U.S.

citizens or permanent residents (e.g., CW). We have several dozen employees in this status. CUC has implemented training programs to help mitigate the issue, but the training will last for several years," said Warren.

The CUC finance chief revealed that the agency has about 36 to 40 non-U.S. workers.

"We hope to have a sufficient number of U.S. workers trained by 2019, but a lot of this will depend on available funding. Funds are not only needed for the training programs but also for the payroll of the trainees," he added.

CUC earlier disclosed the continuing cash flow problem at the agency, which is impacting its ability to sustain its daily fuel needs. Recently, the agency was forced to divert some funding from other programs for fuel buys.

As of April 31, CUC had an average of about \$7.6 million per month in receipts and expenditures for operating activities. For capital items and debt service, it has spent about \$900,000 more than it has received from collections.

As a nonprofit agency, CUC relies heavily on the revenue it collects from ratepayers. At present, its biggest customers—the central government, public schools, and the hospital—owe it over \$22 million, on top of unpaid obligations from residential and commercial users.



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To Attach Project-Based Vouchers to New Construction or Rehabilitated Rental Units

**Primer**

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) administers a tenant-based Section 8 program that subsidizes low-income tenants residing in privately-owned housing units. Federal regulations allow the NMHC to use a portion of its funding to attach project-based Section 8 units in new construction and rehabilitation projects.

NMHC may only operate a project-based voucher (PBV) program if doing so is consistent with its PHA Annual Plan, and the goal of deconcentrating poverty and expanding housing and economic opportunities [42 U.S.C. 1437 f(o)(13)].

The principle difference between tenant based and project based assistance is that with the latter, the voucher and subsidy assistance remains with the unit when a tenant moves. Except for units which are occupied by eligible tenants upon the commencement of the project-based contract term, families will be selected from the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation's Section 8 PBV waiting list or Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher waiting list (in the absence of a PBV wait list) and will be pre-screened for Section 8 eligibility before being referred to the owner. The owner chooses a tenant for occupancy based on their usual screening process. When a family is approved by the owner, they will execute a lease with the owner.

The project-based Section 8 property remains subsidized for the term of the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) contract signed by the owner and NMHC (subject to future availability of appropriations and the availability of funds under the Annual Contributions Contract).

**Rent to Owner**

The rent is set at the execution of the initial HAP contract. The maximum gross rent will be set at the lesser of: a) 90% of the applicable FMR, b) the HUD-approved exception rent; c) the reasonable rent, or d) the owner requested rent with the exception of units with other subsidy.

The NMHC must perform rent reasonableness test on all contracted units, both at initial HAP and under the following circumstances:

- When the owner requests for a rent adjustment;
- When the owner requests to substitute an assisted unit;
- If there is a change in the allocation of responsibility for utilities; and
- If there is a 5% or greater reduction in the HUD published FMR.

The contract rent may be adjusted up or down as indicated by the results of the rent reasonableness test. This requirement means that there may be occasions when a PBV rent must be reduced because of verified decrease in rent levels for comparable unassisted units in the PBV community.

Specific regulations governing this form of project-based assistance are set forth at 24 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 983, dated October 13, 2005. In the event subsequent regulations are published and conflict with any guidance set forth within this document, the NMHC reserves the right to apply the new HUD guidance to the proposals as submitted.

**Applicability of Section 19.9.2 D. of NMHC's Administrative Plan**

For certain tax credit units [24 CFR 983.301(c), FR Notice 11/24/08], the rent limits are determined differently than for other PBV units. These different limits apply to contract units that meet all of the following criteria:

- The contract unit receives a low-income housing tax credit under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;
- The contract unit is not located in a qualified census tract;
- There are comparable tax credit units of the same bedroom size as the contract unit in the same building, and the comparable tax credit units do not have any form of rental assistance other than the tax credit; and
- The tax credit rent exceeds an NMHC-determined amount (not to exceed 110 percent of the fair market rent or any approved exception payment standard).

For contract units that meet all of these criteria, the rent to owner must not exceed the lowest of:

- The tax credit rent minus any utility allowance;
- The reasonable rent; or
- The rent requested by the owner.

However, NMHC is permitted to use the higher Section 8 rent for a tax credit unit if the tax credit is less than the amount that would be permitted under Section 8. In these cases, Section 8 rent reasonableness requirements must continue to be met.

**Exceptions to the Occupancy Cap [24 CFR 983.261, FR Notice 11/24/09]**

NMHC may not pay housing assistance under a PBV HAP contract for more than 25 percent of the number of dwelling units in a project unless the units are [24 CFR 983.56]:

- In a single-family building;
- Specifically made available for elderly or disabled families; or
- Specifically made available for families receiving supportive services as defined by NMHC. At least one member must be receiving at least one qualifying service.

**Criteria for Selection**

- Extent to which the project furthers NMHC's goal of deconcentrating poverty and expanding housing and economic opportunities – 35 points;
- Owner experience and capability to build or rehabilitate housing as identified in the RFP – 30 points;
- If applicable, the extent to which services for special populations are provided on site or in the immediate area for occupants of the property – 0 points;
- Experience as an owner in the tenant-based voucher program and owner compliance with the owner's obligations under the tenant-based program – 25 points; and
- Projects with the lowest percentage of units assisted will be rated higher than projects with a greater percentage of the units assisted - 10 points.

**Site Selection Standards**

Every PBV owner must demonstrate that their project is consistent with HUD's statutory goal of "deconcentrating poverty and expanding housing and economic opportunities." The NMHC will assess each application in this regard, based on the following HUD-mandated criteria:

- HUD Designated Zone. Whether the census tract in which the proposal will be located is in a HUD-designated Enterprise Zone, Economic Zone, Economic Community, or Renewal Community.
- Significant Revitalization. Whether the census tract in which the proposed PBV development will be located is undergoing significant revitalization.
- Public Investment. Whether state, local, or federal dollars have been invested in the area that has assisted in the achievement of the statutory requirement.
- New Market Rate Units. Whether new market rate units are being developed in the same census tract where the proposed PBV development will be located and the likelihood that such market rate units will positively impact the poverty rate in the area.
- Decline in Poverty Rate. If the poverty rate in the area where the proposed PBV development will be located is greater than 20 percent, the PHA should consider whether in the past five years there has been an overall decline in the poverty rate.
- Education and Economic Opportunities. Whether there are meaningful opportunities for educational and economic advancements in the census tract where the proposed PBV development will be located.

**Number of Units to be Assisted with Project Based Vouchers**

The NMHC is seeking both for-profit and not-for-profit owners who are interested in attaching project-based Section 8 subsidy assistance to newly constructed units or units requiring rehabilitation work in a housing subdivision or apartment complex. We estimate that we will be able to assist up to 30 project based voucher units under which NMHC will have available at the time of HAP contract execution.

The proposals shall be ranked using a point-based system and project-based vouchers shall be allocated in the following order:

- Proposal with highest points – 15 Project-based vouchers;
- Proposal ranked second based on earned points – 10 Project-based vouchers; and
- Proposal ranked third based on earned points – 5 Project-based vouchers.

If you are interested in this project-based Section 8 initiative, please complete the attached application and return it as instructed. Only applications submitted in response to the advertisement will be considered.

If you have any questions regarding this program or the application process, you are required to submit your questions in writing to Mr. Jesse Palacios, Corporate Director, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950

**Timeline**

**A. Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference**

A mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at the NMHC conference room located in Garapan, Saipan on Wednesday, June 25, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the Pre-Proposal conference will be to review the requirements of the RFP and to respond to any questions about the application process and HUD regulations governing the project-based program. Attendance at this conference is considered essential to proposer's understanding of the project's elements and a company/organization that does not have a representative in attendance at the pre-proposal conference will be considered as a non-responsive proposer.

**B. Submission Requirements**

Sealed proposals must be marked NMHC-RFP 2014-004. For proposers within the CNMI, one (1) original and three (3) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted not later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, July 18, 2014. Applications should be in a three-ring binder. Deliver applications, in a sealed package with the label indicating the title, "Project-Based Section 8 Application" to:

Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director  
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation  
P.O. Box 500514  
Saipan, MP 96950

Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposals by turning in a Notice of Intent to Submit a Proposal. Notice of Intent to Submit a Proposal must be received by the Corporate Director of NMHC no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, July 18, 2014 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 234-9021, or via email at jspalacios@nmhc.gov.net. For proposers outside the CNMI, one (1) original and three (3) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 18, 2014, and must be received by NMHC no later than 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 29, 2014. Failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

**C. Other Important Information**

NMHC hereby notifies all proposers that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contracts entered into pursuant to this advertisement, small business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, religion, sex, disabilities or national origin.

**D. Award Letters**

Funding decisions under this RFP will be made within thirty (30) days of the application deadline. All applicants will be notified by first class mail. The NMHC reserves the right to reject any and all applications.

For more information, contact Jocelyn C. Seman, NMHC Office Manager/Procurement Officer at (670) 234-6866/7689 during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on CNMI observed holidays.

/s/ MARCIE M. TOMOKANE  
Chairwoman of the Board

/s/ JESSE S. PALACIOS  
Corporate Director

# Ninth Circuit affirms woman’s immigration fraud convictions

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has affirmed a Chinese woman’s convictions on two counts of immigration document fraud for lying in her immigration application.

In a decision yesterday, the Ninth Circuit judges ruled that the evidence was sufficient to support Liwen Tang’s convictions.

The judges said both the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services I-485 Form and the immigration adjudicator asked Tang to disclose all of her children.

I-485 Form is the primary application to register permanent residence, or a “green card,” or to adjust status.

The judges said Tang’s false responses to those questions were capable of influencing a decision to grant her permanent resident status because the immigration adjudicator testified that the information could have cast doubt on the legitimacy of her marriage to Patrick Mansfield.

“They were thus material,” the judges said.

The judges said there was also sufficient evidence for the jury to find that Tang understood the questions being asked and understood that the answers she gave were false.

“For instance, Tang told the investigators that she did not disclose her previous child because she was ashamed to have had a child out of wedlock,” the judges said.

According to the indictment, Tang lied in her application to register for permanent residence

# 30 volunteers for Best Sunshine survey

Best Sunshine International, Ltd. has 30 volunteers that will soon conduct a survey on five precincts on Saipan to obtain a general look at the thoughts and feelings of people on the quality of life on the islands.

Community Development Institute acting director Floyd Masga said that they partnered with Best Sunshine to conduct this community needs assessment for Saipan.

“Under NMC’s part we have facilitated the recruitment of the surveyors and 30 of them are going to be conducting the survey and have undergone specific statistical data training,” Masga said.

Grace Fu, a representative of Best Sunshine, said that she trained the students in terms of how to respond to questions that might be proposed by the people being surveyed.

Fu confirmed that about 30 students from NMC and some community members will conduct the survey of some 600 people.

“It’s just so we have that statistical difference and that large sampling and, of course, we can have a good size answer,” Fu said.

According to Fu, the survey will be done in three days. She said the survey will cover five precincts on Saipan in order to get a good distribution of random sampling and they will be aiming for certain areas in the precincts.

Fu noted that students will be using eight rental cars provided to the volunteers.

According to Fu, respondents to the survey have to be 18 years old and above, U.S citizens, Saipan permanent residents, or citizens of the Freely Associ-

ated States, Federated States of Micronesia, or Palau.

NMC past president Carmen Fernandez said their objective is to reach out to people and get their thoughts and feelings on the quality of life on the islands.

“We hope that we format the survey to be able to capture those that are of critical concerns for families,” Fernandez said.

The survey has nine parts that includes education, living conditions for water service, electricity consumption, transportation and travel services, employment and work, retirement fund, medical services, religious life, and other opinions and suggestions. Respondents will also be asked for their background information.

*(Jayson Camacho)*

# MCS Class of ’94 to fundraise for monkey bars

Mount Carmel School’s Class of 1994 will be hosting an event called “Comedy Knight” to fundraise for monkey bars for the school’s playground this Saturday, June 21.

According to one of the members of Class 1994, Laraina Camacho, the event will be held at the Naked Fish Bar and Grill. Doors will be open from 5pm and the comedy show will start at 7pm featuring ZeZe, also known as Jay Sanchez, and ZoZo, also known as Jojo Camacho.

“Due to mature content, parental discretion is advised,” Camacho said.

Tickets will be sold at \$20 and comes with two free drinks. Tickets may be purchased at the door or any of the MCS Class of 1994 members. Raffle tickets will also be sold at the event

The Class of 1994, which is celebrating its 20th reunion this year, also plans to assist the Maturana House of Prayer by cleaning their big yard.

*(Jayson Camacho)*

BEFORE THE  
COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION RATE PETITION

DOCKET 13-01

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is given by the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission that the June 13, 2014 report of its hearing examiner in the above docket regarding proceedings, which occurred during the Commission’s May 2014 regulatory session is available for public examination at the Commission’s office, which is located on the first floor, room #103, of the CDA Building, Beach Road, San Jose.

Questions about this notice should be referred to the Commission’s administrative assistant Rose Ada-Hocog at 670-989-1199 or 670-235-2782.

June 15, 2014.



# Obama to propose expansion of Pacific Ocean marine sanctuary

By JULIET EILPERIN  
THE WASHINGTON POST

President Obama on Tuesday will announce his intent to make a broad swath of the central Pacific Ocean off-limits to fishing, energy exploration and other activities, according to senior White House officials.

The proposal, slated to go into effect later this year after a comment period, could create the world's largest marine sanctuary and double the area of ocean globally that is fully protected.

The announcement—details of which were provided to *The Washington Post*—is part of a broader push on maritime issues by an administration that has generally favored other environmental priorities. The oceans effort, led by Secretary of State John F. Kerry and White House counselor John D. Podesta, is likely to spark a new political battle with Republicans over the scope of Obama's executive powers.

The president will also direct federal agencies to develop a comprehensive program aimed at combating seafood fraud and the global black-market fish trade. In addition, the administration finalized a rule last week allowing the public to nominate new marine sanctuaries off U.S. coasts and in the Great Lakes.

Obama has used his executive authority 11 times to safeguard areas on land, but scientists and activists have been pressing him to do the same for untouched underwater regions. President George W. Bush holds the record for creating U.S. marine monuments, declaring four during his second term, including the one that Obama plans to expand.

Under the proposal, the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument would be expanded from almost 87,000 square miles to nearly 782,000 square miles—all of it adjacent to seven islands and atolls controlled by the United States.

The designation would include waters up to 200 nautical miles offshore from the territories.

"It's the closest thing I've seen to the pristine ocean," said Enric Sala, a National Geographic explorer-in-residence who has researched the area's reefs and atolls since 2005.

Obama has faced criticism from a variety of groups—including cattle ranchers, law enforcement officers and ATV enthusiasts—over his expansion of protections for federal lands. The ocean area under consideration, by contrast, encompasses uninhabited islands in a remote region with sparse economic activity.

Even so, the designation is expected to face objections from the U.S. tuna fleet that operates in the region. Fish caught in the area account for up to 3 percent of the annual U.S. tuna catch in the western and central Pacific, according to the Pew Charitable Trusts. When Bush created the monument in 2009, he exempted sport fishing to address industry opposition.

Podesta said a public comment period over the summer will allow the Commerce and Interior departments to "fully understand the commercial activity out there" and modify the plan if necessary.

Kerry said Monday that the United States and other nations need to take bolder steps to protect marine habitat and combat other threats. "If this group can't create a serious plan to protect the ocean for future generations, then who can and who will?" he asked during an appearance at a State Department oceans conference.

On Capitol Hill, some Republicans have sought to limit the administration's ability to influence offshore activities, viewing it as another attempt by the president to test the limits of White House power.

"It's another example of this imperial presidency," House Natural Resources Commit-



President Barack Obama waves as he walks with first lady Michelle Obama on their return to the White House from a trip to California, Monday, June 16, 2014, in Washington. AP

tee Chairman Doc Hastings (R-Wash.) said in an interview, noting that Obama established a National Ocean Policy during his first term to coordinate competing interests at sea. "If there are marine sanctuaries that should be put in place, that should go through Congress."

For the past 5½ years, the administration has focused on the nuts and bolts of marine issues, aiming to end overfishing in federally managed fisheries and establishing a new planning process for maritime activities. This week's State Department ocean summit launches what officials there call a broader "global campaign" to address the problems of overfishing, pollution and ocean acidification.

"When the president is besieged by the problems as this administration has faced, it's tough to keep your focus on ocean policy," said former defense secretary Leon E. Panetta, who co-founded the Joint Ocean Commission Initiative nearly a decade ago while in Congress. "That's the problem—you just can't afford to put oceans on the back burner."

No other country governs more of the sea than the United States, which controls more than 13 percent of the ocean area overseen by nations. And only China consumes more seafood each year.

The potential expansion area would quintuple the number of underwater mountains under protection. It would also end

tuna fishing and provide shelter for nearly two dozen species of marine mammals, five types of threatened sea turtles, and a variety of sharks and other predatory fish species.

Other countries are moving ahead with their own marine reserves. The British government is considering creating a sanctuary around the Pitcairn Islands—an area in the Pacific inhabited by descendants of the mutineers from the HMS *Bounty* and their Tahitian companions—according to people briefed on the decision.

Anote Tong, president of the small Pacific island nation of Kiribati, announced Monday that he will close an area roughly the size of California to commercial fishing by the end

of this year. "It's our contribution to humanity," Tong said in an interview.

Pew Charitable Trusts executive vice president Joshua S. Reichert said Obama should also consider expanding the borders of the monuments Bush created in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands and the Marianas Trench. He said the 1906 Antiquities Act, which allows such designations, is "one of the great equalizers in the ongoing struggle to preserve some of the best examples of America's natural heritage. Without it, many of these places would long ago have succumbed to the pickaxe, the chain saw and the dredge, leaving us all poorer as a result."

Ben Halpern, an environmental science professor at the University of California at Santa Barbara and the lead scientist for the Ocean Health Index, said maritime issues rank low on politicians' priority lists because people are disconnected from the sea. "Every single person on the planet benefits from the health of the ocean, but most of them don't realize it," he said.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's chief, Kathryn Sullivan, said her agency has focused on increasing the ability of coastal communities to cope with climate change and on monitoring how the marine ecosystem is being transformed. "Data are critical to all of it," she said.

George Cooper, a lobbyist for the recreational-fishing industry, said NOAA has made strides but still overstates the economic impact of the commercial fishing industry by comparing the combined imported and domestic seafood trade to U.S. sport fishing.

Monica Medina, NOAA's principal deputy undersecretary for oceans and atmosphere in Obama's first term, said that the United States "has found new avenues to exert its influence and lead change in ocean policy globally," including cracking down on illegal fishing by pressing for stricter ship verification through the International Maritime Organization.

Budget constraints and congressional opposition also remain obstacles for the administration. During a panel last week for Capitol Hill Ocean Week, Rep. Sam Farr (D-Calif.) said NOAA might have to consider "changing its name to NAA" because of cuts to its "wet side."

William Ruckelshaus, a co-chair of the Joint Ocean Commission Initiative, who served as the Environmental Protection Agency administrator under Presidents Richard M. Nixon and Ronald Reagan, said the new flurry of activity on maritime issues could represent an important shift.

"These kinds of issues only get elevated if the president puts it high on his priority list," he said.

## NMC to host free Cash for College workshop on Saturday

The Northern Marianas College is reminding students and members of the community about the free "Cash for College" workshop that will be held this Saturday, June 21, 2014. The event aims to assist students and their parents maximize scholarship opportunities that are available to students seeking to obtain a college education.

The free workshop will be held in Building A at the NMC As Terlaje campus. The workshop will be an ongoing session, so participants can stop by anytime between 9am and 3pm.

At the workshops, participants will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college

financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, CNMI Scholarship, Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance, and the TEACH Grant. Workshop participants can also have their financial aid documents notarized and photocopied, all without any charges or fees.

Staff members from the college's Office of Admissions and Records will also be present to provide information and assistance with the NMC admission application process.

In addition, those who participate in the workshop will qualify to have their NMC application fee and place-

ment test fees waived for the upcoming fall 2015 semester. This waiver represents a savings of up to \$75.

Although not required, it is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid passport, birth certificate, or green card), three official transcripts, signed 2013 1040 tax form (2013 W-2 statements if you and/or your parents did not or will not file taxes), and/or proof of CNMI residency for 2012 and 2013 (for example, CNMI 1040 tax form, employment verification from your employer, official transcripts, voters certification, etc.).

For additional information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at (670) 237-6792 or email daisy.propst@marianas.edu, or visit www.marianas.edu. (NMC)

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Best Sunshine on John Gonzales LIVE

John Gonzales LIVE tonight will feature Terence Tay, chief operating officer of Best Sunshine International Ltd., who will talk about the company's plans for Saipan. The program will air on TV Channel 14, from 6:30 to 7:30pm. To participate in the discussion, contact via email johngonzaleslive@gmail.com ; call 287-9413, or text 285-META (6382). The show will be replayed on Monday, June 23, and Tuesday, June 24. The show also rebroadcasts on www.betelnutradio.com. (PR)

### Naval Base Guam to hold change of command

Capt. Andy Anderson will re-

lieve Capt. Mike Ward as commanding officer of U.S. Naval Base Guam during a change of command ceremony on June 20. The ceremony is scheduled for 10am at Tango/Uniform Wharf on NBG.

The guest speaker is retired Cmdr. Matt Miller who served in numerous positions during his career in the Navy including Operations Officer and Executive Officer at Naval Air Station in Whidbey Island, WA. He is currently serving as a city councilman in Anacortes, WA.

Anderson is reporting to Guam after serving as Executive Assistant at Navy Recruiting Command in Millington, TN. Ward will report to U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa, in Naples, Italy. (PR)



# First ever 'Free Comic Book Day' draws hundreds

By **JAYSON CAMACHO**  
jayson\_camacho@saipantribune.com  
REPORTER

The first ever Free Comic Book Day on Saipan saw the participation of hundreds of children and parents in front of the Joteten Kiyu Public Library on Saturday, June 14.

JKPL's technical service librarian Rosalyn Ajoste said the turnout was wonderful.

"There was a line all the way to the parking lot and I think we had more than 300 people here," Ajoste said.

According to Glenn Keaton, owner of Green Flash Comics, more than a thousand comics were given away at the event and that majority of the comics would have cost more online if sold to a collector or an interested comic holder.

Keaton said that Free Comic

Book Day usually happens in May in the U.S. mainland but they opted to host the event in June as the comics were shipped late and were received only in late May.

Aside from the free comics being handed out by volunteers for Green Flash Comics, other volunteers taught participants how to make Father's Day cards. The manga artwork of contest participants were also on display, while cosplay costumes were also being sold. There was also a book sale and rummage sale.

Cosplay students from Marianas High School wore costumes from characters in *Batman* and *Scott Pilgrim*.

Jaydene Ermitanio from MHS, who was dressed as Catwoman, said that on the first day they looked at each other's

shoes and it reminded them of Gotham City's sirens.

Alyssa Villegas, also from MHS, who was dressed as Poison Ivy, said that they dressed as Gotham City sirens for Halloween last year.

In the afternoon, winners of the costume and manga art contests were announced. Alyssa Mae Muyon received first prize with her costume as Starfire from Teen Titans. Angelo Alvarez took second as Harley Quinn the Joker's girlfriend from Batman, and Maria Atalig took third place dressing up as Ezio from Assassin's Creed, a popular game.

The manga art contest resulted in six artists who were chosen for different categories.

Contestants who won under the category for most number of likes on Facebook was Ronfel

Doria, 10, who won first prize; Jimwell Montoya, 10, who won second; and Tiana Ranjo, 16, who won third.

Christian Montiveros, 16, won the sponsor's choice award. Lodel Callejo, 15, won the eye catcher prize, while the grand prize winner for artist's choice award went to Yong Jeong Kim, 18.

Two other winners received honorable mentions; Zhang ri Xin, 11, and Stephanie Gruy, 14.

"The costumes were great, they were all original and it was an opportunity to showcase what the library has to offer and what the comic book industry has to give," Ajoste said.

Ajoste also noted that, if Green Flash Comics remains willing, they plan to host the event again next year.

## Pacific Regional Ocean Partnership updates

The Pacific Regional Ocean Partnership Steering Group met on May 28, 2014, in Hagatna, Guam. Representatives of this group include Leo Asuncion (Hawaii), Fran Castro (CNMI), Joseph Artero-Cameron (Guam), and Dr. Ruth Matagi-Tofiga (American Samoa).

The PROP Steering Group

discussed the revised Action Plan and implementation, shared local initiatives in the jurisdictions, reviewed the draft PROP website, and discussed climate and disaster resilience.

Highlighted contributions from each jurisdiction include:

■ American Samoa: American Samoa Climate Change Ad-

aptation Plan—completed the plan and is currently taking the strategy to villages for community review and feedback.

■ CNMI: Climate Change—The governor issued an executive directive directing agencies in the CNMI to work with the Climate Change Working Group. They have completed the Vulnerability Assessment for Saipan: [www.climatecnmi.net](http://www.climatecnmi.net), and will have a community workshop on Rota and Tinian in June 2014 to gather information for each respective islands vulnerability assessment. With approval of the Action Plan, there are agencies readily waiting to engage in the Action Coordination Teams.

■ Guam: Guam Homeland Security Office and Civil Defense Office have begun their climate change and disaster resilience mitigation recommendations for natural disasters.

They are working on Climate Change Resiliency Task Force. Guam is 99 percent complete on the report to the President of United States.

■ Hawaii: They have legislation and are implementing the Hawaii Ocean Resource Management Plan. In addition, Hawaii is developing an on-line tool to aid permitting with integration of GIS data layers, including area use, to enable decision-making.

The PROP Steering Group agreed to send the PROP Action Plan to the governors for their endorsement by June 30, 2014.

The priority areas in the Action Plan include: 1) Climate and Disaster Resilience; 2) Collaboration with the Pacific Islands Regional Planning Body for Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning; and 3) Strengthening PROP Institutional Capacity.

Toward these efforts, we have made progress on several objectives and actions, including:

■ Examining the likely climate impacts in light of the proposed listing of coral species under the ESA;

■ Strategizing on the development of local incident command teams to assess ecological threats from disaster and the development of Action Coordination Teams;

■ Discussions of an outreach strategy, including finalizing the PROP website to distribute information.

The PROP Steering group will be creating Action Coordination Teams in Climate Change-Endangered Species Act, Coastal Hazards Resilience and PROP Ocean Data Portal. Each PROP member will appoint two people to each of these teams as it pertains to their expertise or what they can bring to the table for the team. PROP expects that local partners, federal partners and collaborators will participate in the ACT.

Election was held and Fran Castro (CNMI) was elected chairperson of the PROP and Joseph Cameron (Guam) as vice chair. (*PROP*)



June 18, 2006

### 'Very disappointing'

That is how an NMI Retirement Fund official described yesterday the Fitial administration's enactment of three bills that suspends the government's retirement payment, extends the payment term for additional 25 years, and creates the defined contribution plan. To begin with, Fund board chair Joseph Reyes said that the bills were passed and enacted without a public hearing. "Why didn't they hold public hearings? Why rush the passage? It's so darn fast. It's just so disappointing because there were many questions that were left unanswered. We're trying to cooperate with them, discussing and brainstorming with them. This is backstabbing already," said Reyes in an interview.

### Troops, wives undergo marriage skills workshop

The troops who were deployed to Iraq and their wives are undergoing a four-day "strong bonds marriage skills" workshop at the Aqua Resort Club in Achugao. Thirteen members of the U.S. Army Reserve and their spouses are currently participating in the 12-hour instruction workshop prepared by the U.S. Army 9th Regional Readiness Command. The Honolulu-based Chaplain Maj. Daniel White and Chaplain Assistant Sgt. First Class Steven Ferguson are conducting the seminar under the Command's Deployment Cycle Support plan. The session will end today.

June 18, 2007

### CNMI immigration bill introduced in US Senate

A bipartisan bill federalizing the Commonwealth's immigration was introduced in the U.S. Senate on Friday. Hawaii Sen. Daniel K. Akaka sponsored the legislation as it was drafted by the U.S. Office of Insular Affairs. Washington Sen. Maria Cantwell, Hawaii Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, and Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski signed on as co-sponsors. All of the sponsors, except Murkowski, are members of the ruling Democratic Party.

### US, Japan contractors visit Saipan, Tinian

Ten U.S. and Japanese construction officials visited Saipan and Tinian on Saturday to meet with local businesspersons and inspect facilities that might be used to support the planned transfer of some 8,000 U.S. Marines to Guam. The group made the one-day visit to Saipan and Tinian in an effort to see the islands' potential as a warehousing and staging area for the Guam military buildup. John E. Baggott of Bechtel National Inc., a Maryland-based military contractor, led the group.

June 18, 2008

### CUC privatization bill hurdles House

The House of Representatives rushed to passage yesterday a bill requiring the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to issue a privatization bid within 45 days of the bill becoming law. The House voted 16-3 to approve the bill. Representatives Francisco Dela Cruz, Tina Sablan, and Edward Salas voted against the bill, and Rep. Justo Quitugua was absent. The House-approved bill would allow CUC to sell its power system for at least \$250 million, half the minimum value proposed in the original version of the bill. The bill calls for a bid process, a departure from the request-for-proposals procedure CUC had used in its previous privatization efforts.

### WIA program lures more participants this year

The Workforce Investment Agency says this year's participation in the summer program exceeded last year's for all three islands combined by more than 60 percent. Executive director Edith Deleon Guerrero said the agency expects the numbers to continue rising and that "the trend in school enrollments tell of the increasing numbers in the CNMI's youth population, thus the greater need and urgency to focus on youth programs that are proven successes throughout the country." Deleon Guerrero said the increased participation in the WIA summer program happened because she has taken the initiative to "allow and embrace applicants as young as 14 years old to participate in the summer employment program." She said this is allowable under the WIA Act of 1998 for the youth funding program, of which the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program is considered one of the required 10 youth elements.

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2014-CDA-03-ITB**

**Submission & Opening Date: July 2, 2014  
Time: 10:00 a.m.**

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Copies of the specifications may be picked up at the Commonwealth Development Authority Office, 2nd Floor in Oleai, Saipan during regular working hours.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/S/ MANUEL A. SABLAN  
Executive Director

/S/HERMAN S. SABLAN  
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE  
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

In the Matter of the Petition for the Change of Name of:	) FCD CN ) CIVIL ACTION ) NO. 14-0242 ) ) <b>NOTICE OF HEARING</b> ) ) <b>Ramon Jose Blas Camacho</b> ) ) Petitioner
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Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on July 24, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 205A, before the Honorable Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 17th day of June, 2014.

Patrick V. Diaz  
Clerk of Court  
/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE  
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

In the Matter of the Adoption of  
ELLICYN NO'ELANI AGUON-PRESTO  
By Loreto M. Presto and Antonia A. Presto

**FCD AD Civil Action No. 14-0243**

**NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED  
ADOPTION OF ELLICYN NO'ELANI AGUON-PRESTO**

Please take notice that the hearing regarding the proposed adoption of ELLICYN NO'ELANI AGUON by Loreto M. Presto and Antonia A. Presto will be held at the Commonwealth Superior Court, Courtroom 205A, on July 21, 2014, at 1:30p.m.

Ellicyn No'Elani Aguon-Presto was born on September 24, 2006 in Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The petition for the adoption of Ellicyn No'Elani Aguon-Presto is sealed. However, a copy of petition will be provided to any person that requests a copy before the date of the hearing and is able to demonstrate that they are or may be an interested person to Ellicyn No'Elani Aguon-Presto adoption, as determine by CNMI law. If you believe that you are an interested person, a copy of the petition may be obtained by contacting Law Offices of Rexford C. Kosack, P.O. Box 500410, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone (670) 322-8800; Fax (670) 322-7800; Email: [rex.kosack@kosacklaw.com](mailto:rex.kosack@kosacklaw.com)

Failure of interested persons to appear at the hearing and provide their objections will result in them forever waiving any rights that they may have to contest this adoption.

DATED: June 17, 2014

/s/ Rexford C. Kosack  
Attorney at Law

**TINIAN CASINO GAMING  
CONTROL COMMISSION**  
Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan  
Commonwealth of the Northern  
Mariana Islands

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, June 19, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Conference Room.

**AGENDA**

- I. Preliminary
  - a. Call to Order
  - b. Roll Call
  - c. Adoption of Agenda
- II. Public Comments
- III. Reports
  - a. Chair's Report
  - b. Executive Director's Report
- IV. New Business
  - a. Ratification of Table Movement Requests
  - b. Casino Employee License Applications and Hotel Registrations
- V. Executive Session<sup>1</sup>
- VI. Miscellaneous/Administrative Matters
- VII. Adjournment

<sup>1</sup>Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.  
<sup>2</sup>Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time.



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## The new crisis at the border: undocumented and unaccompanied minors

Facing a massive rise in the number of undocumented and unaccompanied minors crossing the border, overwhelmed Obama administration officials are seeking up to \$2 billion from Congress to deal with the “urgent humanitarian situation.” In addition, the administration is creating a new branch of AmeriCorps to provide 100 lawyers or paralegals to help the unaccompanied youngsters navigate the deportation process. Both are good and welcome steps.

These steps follow the creation of an interagency Unified Coordination Group to help ensure that the children are decently fed and cared for while their deportation cases unfold. And the administration is opening temporary shelters at military bases, including the Naval Base Ventura County at Port Hueneme, Calif., to house the children.

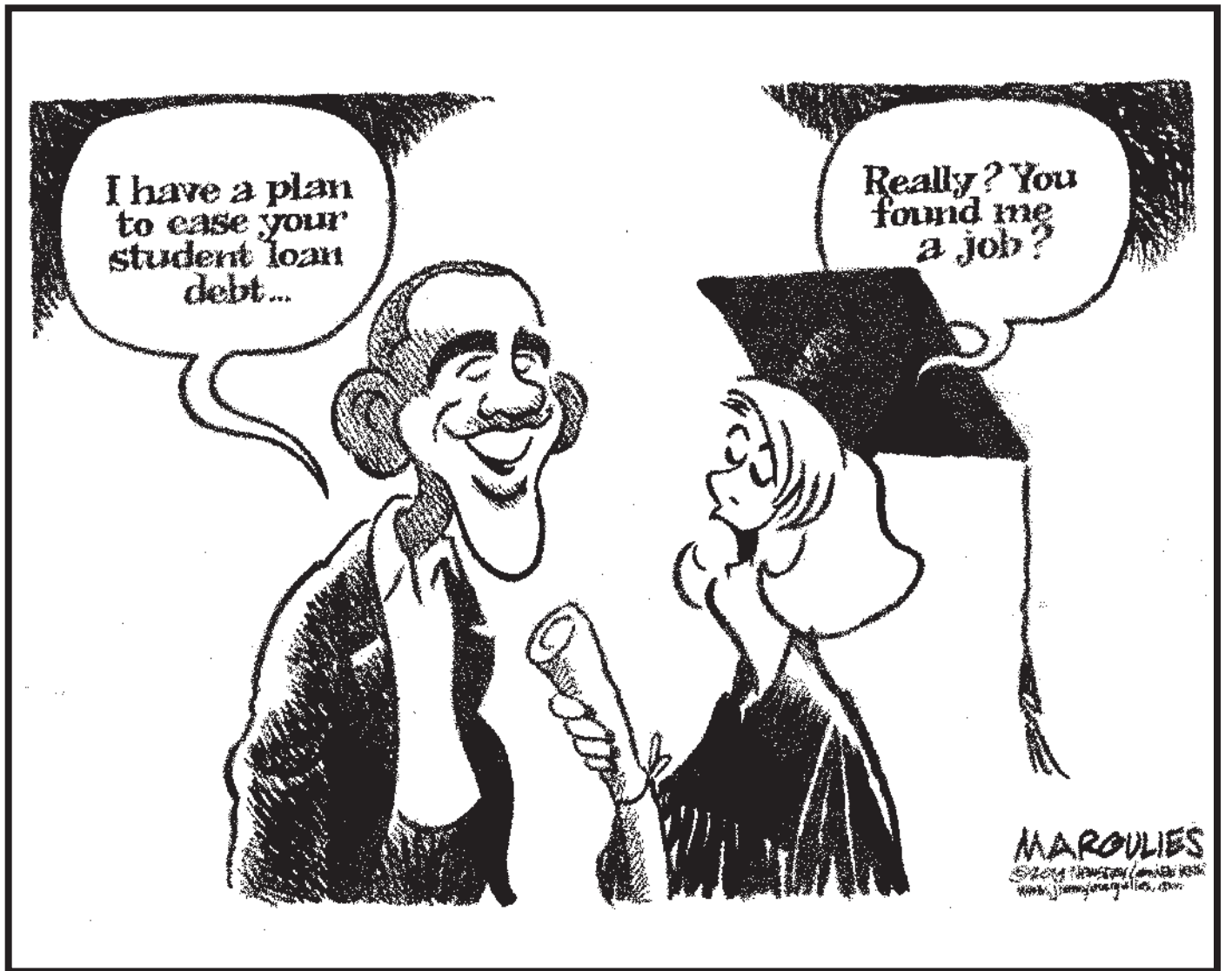
Why such urgency? Because more than 47,000 children traveling alone have been detained while crossing the border since October, nearly double the number detained in the same period last year. On Thursday, border officials announced they were investigating assertions that children were being mistreated by border agents; some apparently reported that they had been deprived of food and medical care, while others complained of physical abuse.

It's a vexing problem. Despite the simplistic assertion by the right that the surge in minors is the result of an eased approach to immigration enforcement by the administration, activists interviewing the children say most are sent north by their families in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador seeking to protect sons and daughters from rising gang and drug violence and sexual assault. This is clearly a regional problem requiring a regional solution, and the administration has taken the welcome step of expanding discussions with the involved nations to stem the flow.

Meanwhile, the kids are here, and more are on their way. The “justice AmeriCorps” program will add to the existing and overwhelmed pro bono network of lawyers trying to ensure fair hearings for unaccompanied minors who face human trafficking, physical abuse and other terrors should they be returned to their home countries. This is not to argue that they all have a right to stay in the U.S., but it is only fair that they be represented by an adult during their deportation hearings. An added bonus: Having a lawyer speeds up the process.

It is unlikely the House will take up immigration reform before the August recess. Obama's critics complain that by seeking regulatory rather than legislative solutions to the immigration problem, the president is ruling by fiat. But House Republicans created the problem with their intransigence. They should abandon their obstructionism and tackle this issue. If they don't, voters should hold them accountable.

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## Good hacking, bad hacking

Good Uncle Sam made a fine distinction of hacking for national security and hacking for business advantage. It is unapologetic on the first, and we know how extensive that is. The claims to keep business advantage as not a legitimate option is not convincing especially when used to indict five Chinese military personnel for not making that distinction.

Encryption technology is a revered science, and the method of keeping others from peering into protected digitized databases is big business. The more sophisticated the layers are to provide swiftness of access and shield to one's “cloud” computing, the better the system is in the scale of desirability in cyberspace.

The subject on when accessing data generated by others is good or bad is, in the case of the United States, a “cloudy” political judgment, pun intended. Converted into ethical scales, the “goodness” or the “badness” of the effort is purely subjective. As to the act of accessing data generated by others, anyone with the time, the geekiness, and the technological means can generate considerable output, even business.

Hacking in the United States for personal data is only .99 cents away on the first glance and about \$25 per month for curious captives. The services I bothered to peruse sweeps through all public records to reveal criminal and ordinary registration data on history and domicile, relations and recorded proclivities. In a culture that protects its privacy as a matter of law, cyberspace opens doors, perhaps even to the malicious. Many times, I get a notice inviting me to check on who had been online checking my personal record, so the disclaimer that whoever I look up will never know who checked is a farce.

In addition to the distinction on hacking for national security and for business advantage, a sly move that no one I know particularly trusts (my techie daughter has a team that folks who include in their résumé, business intelligence!), our President and our Secretary of State has been taking the line of requiring others, Putin of Russia particularly, for “more steps to be taken,” when the Russian leader claims doing something that is consonant to our wishes. In short, we are never pleased with anyone, though we never use the same tone when gauging business interests of our own, e.g., the effect of tar sands and fracking to acquire more fossil fuel for energy use.

I am not particularly enamored with Putin, nor am I a rah-rah boy for the comrades in Beijing (though Xi Jinping and Li Keqiang have yet to make me raise an eyebrow), but this U.S. preachy stance, irritating and unhelpful from the perspective of those not in the good graces of our State Department, is not surprising. Some among us still articulate that we culturally and militarily operate out of a deep sense of “American exceptionalism,” both as a religious belief in being the New Promised Land of the chosen ones, or as a secular

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power that needs to protect itself from unfriendly forces in our chosen task of being the police force of the world.

OK. “Hacking” is a pejorative term that writers should shy away from, but we said the same of “nigger” and the folks that were denigrated with the term decided to use it with pride and distinction. In our time, in “hacking” we trust!

Which brings “privacy” to the fore. With our pretension at erudition camouflaged in Latin, *privatus* that refers to “separation from the rest,” and *privo*, “to deprive,” gets us the sense of selective information and secluding one's self from the prying eyes of others. We also have “body integrity” as when I once tried to tap the head of a friend's daughter in my 6th grade class, and I got the stern warning of “Don't touch me!” With today's sense of security, the issue has gone legal.

I hacked a bio-profile early this year for my grandchildren so they can know their other grandpa who lives quite a distance. The first narrative produced a meditation so I shared the methodology. An inquiry method invites two persons to casually but directly ask each other in turn, “Who are you?” The inquirer does not get much in the exercise other than as a voyeur to self-reflection, but the narrator gets a chance at contemplation, which can only add to one's awareness and selfhood. I've added a “one page, one year” exercise to my methods' basket, producing an entire “one moment in time” narrative, a whole journey from womb to tomb, written from the perspective of a dead man walking on the other side of the grave!

It used to be cumbersome writing a journal in cursive or script. Hacking on the keyboard has made the task easier. The output is neither bad nor good. It just is, reflective of one's state of being at the moment of reflection, and if one in the doing is more concerned with honesty and authenticity rather than privacy and security, so much the better. Happy hacking!

(My bio-profile is a work-in-progress for the next seven years and along with other writings, semi-annually edited, so send me a request if you are interested in getting a digitized copy of an output, no charge; not so you can know me better, silly, but so you can do likewise.)



# DC political earthquake

The defeat of a well-placed Washington political insider was dismissed as highly unlikely. But the powerful temblor of rejection of Eric Cantor turns prescient when the chips were down. It confirms that even brilliant political careers are relegated to the sunset when you fail to listen to the voice of “we the people.”

This is what happened to Rep. Eric Cantor who suffered a crushing defeat from what many considered a “nominal” challenger in Dave Brat, an economics professor. His victory poked the D.C. establishment so accustomed to catering to the “haves” over the “have nots.” People no longer trust Washington.

The victor has opened up a hopeful break of new morning returning government to the people where it rightfully belongs using the basic tenet of “government of the people...” founded on Judeo-Christian values. Deadbeat Washington needs a major overhaul and work has begun though long the journey may be. Eventually, we would see change including the ouster of Sen. Harry Reid.

Cantor’s shocking defeat is a clear indication what happens when you fail to “listen” to your people. Here the eventual verdict of the people you’ve treated with arrogance and disdain isn’t far-fetched from this national political earthquake. For the “do-nothings” here, be on guard in that this political virus has turned pandemic.

Local incumbent leadership has obviously failed to listen to the “will of the people.” It is now prepping for a taste of its own medicine this coming Nov. 4. It’s déjà vu 1979! Yes, even the sun sets on power drunk politicians.

## Chilly air of summer

The combined effect of El Niño/La Niña weather leaves us with extraordinary heat. But I feel a certain chill as the national debate on the prisoner swap of renowned terrorists with our very own traitor picks up steam. President Obama said in 2012 that al-Qaida is on the run. They’ve regrouped, sir, and have returned even stronger ready to kill more of our own.

Moreover, there’s the massive influx of people at the Arizona and Texas border. It’s a disastrous human crisis popped open by President Obama’s unilateral imposition of amnesty for millions of illegal immigrants. This policy must have reached countries to the

south thus the swarm of illegals by the thousands crossing the border since last week.

Even more troubling is the use of illegal immigrants as shields by drug cartels to move potent contraband into the U.S. Border patrol officers attending to young innocent kids placing them in shelters later learned that their extended job was a diversion. While these urgent issues explode on the national scene, Obama heads to California for a political fundraiser and a round of golf.

His policy of withdrawal from Iraq, Ukraine, and Afghanistan has opened up a vacuum now being filled by the most vicious criminals who hated our country. They seem to know that our country has weakened considerably, paralyzed by unworkable defense and foreign policies.

A national columnist warned, “Leadership is not about things being easy. It’s about taking the really tough decisions, and sometimes getting things wrong. But above all else it’s about being there, having your hand firmly on the rudder, and letting everyone know what you stand for and what you won’t stand for.”

Obama’s priorities aren’t focused on problem solving as much as addressing diversionary issues just to hear his voice. Could someone carry the teleprompter to the rest room and every tee box? His misperception and lapses in leadership would reach the NMI by way of higher power bills when Iraqi oil spikes.

## Staying constitutional

The appropriation of \$100,000 to pay for the operations and functions of the NMD office has drawn the ire of both NMDs and locals not associated with the group.

A number of issues emerge from the intent of the measure: 1.) Can the delegation appropriate funds solely the purview of DPL given its broad constitutional mandate in the “use, management and disposition” of public land? 2.) Isn’t DPL constitutionally mandated to remit to MPLT funds for purposes of investment? 3.) Legislative appropriation is limited to interest earned turned over to the NMI general fund. 4.) Was the appropriation in the “public interest”?

Appalling the apparent blindness of the chief author of families braving main roads, fundraising for loved ones needing off-island medical referral. And Ms. F. Ogumuro wants everything

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handed on a silver platter?

The issue instantly turns political—and it did—and humiliating the shallow justification that falls way short of reasonable expectation how to handle indigenous issues. How does Ogumuro justify indigenous control of the islands yet voted for casino that violates her initial premise? It isn’t surprising her consistency in inconsistency asymmetrical (illogical) from A-Z!

## Ignoring needs of our people

We’ve been grappling with issues usually leaving gatherings without providing realistic solutions on the needs of the indigenous people. The sum of \$100,000 could serve as seed funding to begin serious education and training programs for our people regardless of their stations today.

A recent study says that less than 50 percent have had the benefit of educational training confirming that non-citizens are the better-trained workers. Isn’t this statistic a jolting phenomenon requiring leadership to reassess the education and training of indigenous U.S. citizens?

The wagon of mañana on so-called indigenous rights has careened off the road. Wagon and bull have each gone in different directions. Passengers are stuck looking for some cool tree shades nearby to rest and figure out their destinations. Lest some guidance is provided, it’s a trip into the Disneyland of Disorientation, time and again.

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**Ooops!** A tipster related that legislative consultants are accorded gas cards for their use. Consultants? Isn’t this the highest paid bunch among staff people? Must taxpayers also bear the brunt of the spoils? I think the public auditor should probe this issue. All users must pay back what’s owed taxpayers! Gee! No conscience what the multitude had to ensure daily?

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Integrated resort the way to economic recovery for the CNMI

My dear people of Saipan: Please allow me to visit you in your homes and to ask for your unconditional support to allow the integrated resort to bring economic recovery to the CNMI.

However, before I proceed let me share with you the overwhelming show of support from our retirees, the many unemployed citizens and our underprivileged families whose lives have been greatly affected by the 25-percent cut in their retirement pensions, the unaffordable insurance premiums, the high utility costs, and the high unemployment rate in the CNMI.

Furthermore, in her testimony before the Court, the Secretary of Finance told the judge that the NMI Retirement Fund settlement obligation for this year alone is \$25 million. Next year it will go up to \$39 million and will continue to increase over the next few years.

Now where will the CNMI government get the additional revenues that our government desperately needs to meet the above obligations? It is for all of the above reasons that we must allow the investor the opportunity to bring in the integrated resort so that our government may be infused with necessary and critically needed new revenue.

Next, because of our serious financial constraint, our late mayor, the honorable Donald Flores, took things into his hands and applied for a

grant from the Office of Insular Affairs. We wish him all the best, especially since Interior gave our late mayor some \$400,000 to purchase the much needed heavy equipment in order for his office to continue providing the necessary public services to our community.

Moving on, poker machines have contributed to many social problems in the CNMI. Yet on the other hand it generates millions of dollars for our scholarship program. Today, perhaps we can say that many of our students attending Northern Marianas College, universities in Guam, Hawaii and the mainland U.S. have benefited and also returned home to work in the CNMI.

Moreover, it is appalling to find out that the other investor is lobbying before the Legislature to amend the casino law. The amendment that they are proposing is for the Lottery Commission to issue two licenses instead of an exclusive license. Again, I warn the Lottery Commission to abide by the law.

Let me close by saying that the crippled CNMI economy requires new revenue generating investors and an integrated resort is the *only* answer!

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# To all parents of 3 to 10 year olds

I talked to eight parents that have children about 3 to 8 years old in tow at supermarkets last night. It was enlightening. Only three have tablets for their kids and one mom of three said she only has one tablet for all of them. All have games on them and only one knew anything about educational apps and actually has them on her tablet.

Here’s a little guide for all parents that have a tablet for their child, and those that don’t will hopefully skip a barbecue or two and buy their children one.

If you have Apple you are screwed; Apple charges for everything. If you have Microsoft or Android, most are free.

Download about six apps for every grade from kindergarten to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and three apps for 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade and, at the least, include apps for arithmetic, spelling, writing and reading.

If you only have one child, you will have to do a lot of coaching in the beginning. If you have two or more (each has to have their own tablet) or have neighbors that they can collaborate with, you are in luck. Just let them go.

For every hour on, two hours off. Try to keep them together dur-

ing the on and off times. They will feed off each other like hungry lions and all you have to do is tidy up the bones.

You just can’t believe how fast and how much 3 year olds can learn from a 4 year old. One finds something on their tablet and shows everyone else, which allows the younger ones to actually skip over whole lessons.

One more very important ingredient to tablet learning is to let each child make a 30 second to 2 minute video of themselves and upload it to YouTube, and show them other kids their age doing all kinds of things on YouTube. This builds confidence and self-esteem like nothing else. Do it every month or two so you can actually see the difference for yourself as you watch them grow. Learning with technology is here, it’s free, and you just need to touch your tablet screen to avail it for yourselves, and your kids of course.

**Gary DuBrall**

*Chalan Piao, Saipan*

# Dear *manhoben*

It’s time for election again. This time don’t forget what has been done to you and what are they doing now.

Ask yourself these questions or ask others to find out the answers. Be very careful with your choice. Do not let them kill you twice for people only die once.

What has this leader done so far?

Who is responsible for the retirement bankruptcy?

What have they done so far with your education and training needs, so that you can get a job to work for your family?

What have they done to provide for your general health and welfare?

Who are these leaders that have too many conflict of interest?

Who are those who hire for votes and not for the qualification of the applicants?

Who are these people that hire the same person who we all know brought the Retirement Fund to bankruptcy?

What benefit have you received since they sat in office?

Who keeps their promises?

Who hires their families and gives them a salary that they don’t deserve?

Who discriminate against the poor, the disabled, and those that don’t have enough education?

Who comes to your front door only on election day?

Who makes plans of work and follow their plan? I mean, who among these leaders from the time of seeking your vote present his plans and delivers it while in office? I wonder if they make a calendar of their work for us to see and know what and when are they doing their job? Would ever it happen?

Who among these leaders tells us what they have done so far? What bills have they introduced and for what reason?

Do not vote for a high-paying job only, because if you lose, then you end up being unemployed for four years or work for minimum wages. Vote for someone who will help you get trainings and education so that you can find a reasonable job so that you can provide for your families.

Choose those who listen and take complaints as an issue that need to be fixed and not a problem that will damage their reputation.

Choose for your children’s future, and not for yours only. Listen to your parents too, for they have experienced what you are experiencing now. The only difference is their experience is less stressful than yours. Trust your parents who trust the teaching of our lord Jesus Christ and savior.

Go to church on Sunday, so that God can bless you and your children. Listen to the Gospel and teach your children what the Gospel is telling you on Sunday.

God bless you all, *biba manhoben!*

**Winnie Atalig,**

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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲89° ▼78°	▲89° ▼78°	▲89° ▼78°	▲89° ▼78°	▲89° ▼78°

### Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲85 ▼80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲81 ▼80
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲83 ▼80
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲83 ▼81
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲82 ▼80
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲82 ▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼80

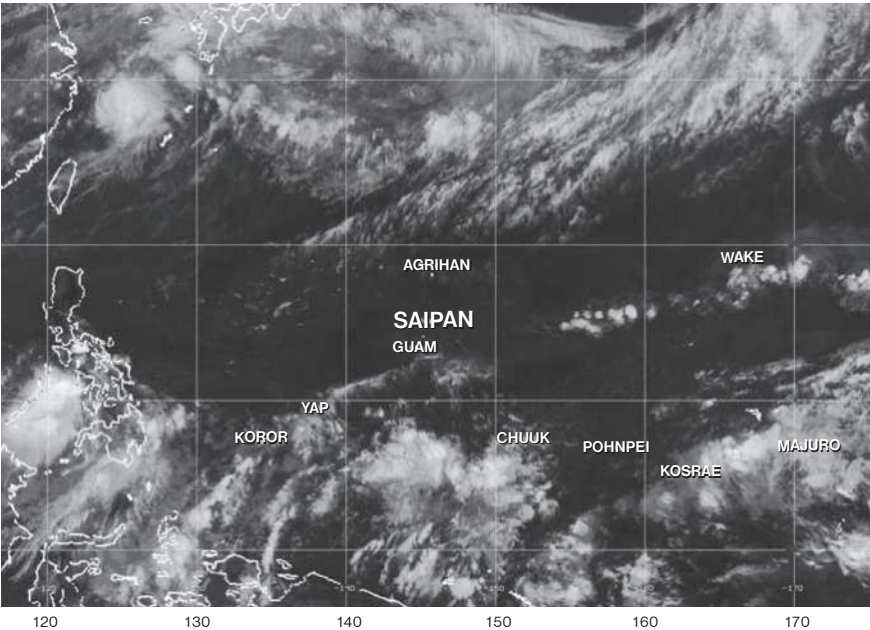
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲59 ▼55
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲90 ▼68
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼81
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲83 ▼73
London	Showers	▲68 ▼57
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲76 ▼58
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼77
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲61 ▼43
Miami	Thundershowers	▲84 ▼75
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲85 ▼72
Osaka	Rain	▲79 ▼62
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲73 ▼56
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲75 ▼63
Rome	Thunderstorms	▲74 ▼62
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲67 ▼47
San Francisco	Sunny	▲67 ▼53
Seoul	Thunderstorms	▲81 ▼63
Tokyo	Showers	▲74 ▼66
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲93 ▼75

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
1:01 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet
7:06 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.9 Feet
11:56 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
6:56 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2014  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak circulation is centered southwest of Chuuk at 6N150E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present near the circulation and within the low-level convergence farther west south of a line from 4N130E to 9N137E to 6N153E. This is just south of Koror, Yap and Chuuk. Low-level convergence is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms from south of Pohnpei across Kosrae to Majuro within 140 miles of a line from 1N156E to 7N171E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms southeast of Majuro east of a line from 7N177E to EQ173E. An old stationary front meanders eastward from east of Guam at 15N154E to 19N168E to 17N180. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are present within 100 miles of this boundary. This includes Wake Island.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Thursday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Friday	5:48 AM	6:49 PM
Saturday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
Sunday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	11:21 PM	10:41 AM
Thursday		11:39 AM
Friday	12:06 AM	12:34 PM
Saturday	12:51 AM	1:29 PM
Sunday	1:36 AM	2:23 PM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4	UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	1, 3, 5, 7	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764A	3:30am	7:30am	4, 7	MU763A	6:50pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5	MU763	7:20am	3:00am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
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ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)



## NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- \*11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.com](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.com)



## Man who left bag with guns indicted in federal court

A federal grand jury indicted yesterday probationer Daniel Muna Quitugua over the alleged illegal guns and ammunitions that he left behind when he ran away from police officers who stopped him for speeding.

The indictment charged Quitugua with one count of felon in possession of firearms.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona yesterday granted the U.S. government's motion to order the Department of Corrections to deliver Quitugua to the custody of the U.S. Marshal. Manglona ordered the U.S.

Marshal to bring Quitugua to court on Friday, June 20, at 1:30pm.

The U.S. attorney, the judge said, shall notify the U.S. Marshal when Quitugua's presence is no longer required and that the detainee can be returned to Corrections.

According to the indictment, Quitugua was found in possession of one or more firearms and rounds of ammunition on May 23, 2014. Specifically, he was found with one Sig Sauer model P226 9mm pistol; one Smith & Wesson .38 caliber revolver; 90 rounds of .45 caliber ammuni-

tion; 50 rounds of .38 caliber ammunition; and 62 rounds of 9mm ammunition.

Quitugua was convicted in federal court in 2005 of conspiracy to commit Hobbs Act robbery and using and carrying a firearm during a crime of violence. He was involved in an armed robbery at a poker arcade in 2004. The federal court sentenced him to 120 months in prison, followed by a five-year supervised release. Quitugua's supervised release began on Jan. 14, 2013.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho re-

cently dismissed the charge of illegal possession of a controlled substance filed against Quitugua after police officers failed to test the alleged methamphetamine or "ice" found in his possession due to the Department of Public Safety's lack of money to buy field test kits.

At a preliminary hearing, Camacho said he heard the testimony of witnesses and found no probable cause to charge Quitugua with illegal possession of a controlled substance.

DPS narcotics investigator Elias Saralu testified that three baggies of possible "ice" and a

glass tube were found with Quitugua when he was arrested.

Camacho also found no probable cause to charge Quitugua with assault and battery and dismissed that count.

The judge, however, found probable cause to charge him with resisting arrest and ordered him to answer that count.

The Office of the Attorney General did not charge Quitugua with illegal possession of firearms and ammunitions.

Police arrested Quitugua for allegedly speeding and running away from police officers, leaving behind a bag that contained three illegal guns and bullets near the Northern Marianas College on May 23, 2014.

Following his arrest, the U.S. Probation Office sought to have Quitugua's probation revoked.

The federal court then ordered Quitugua to explain why his term of supervised release should not be revoked.

In a petition for revocation, U.S. probation officer Gregory F. Arriola said that Quitugua is prohibited from any unlawful use of a controlled substance and from committing another federal, state, or local crime.

Arriola said Quitugua admitted that he had used "ice" on May 14, 2014. Quitugua also admitted to using drugs on March 5, April 28, May 20, and June 7, all in 2013. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## Survey of household maps and address registry being updated

The CNMI Department of Commerce's Central Statistics Division is currently updating its Census/Survey Household Maps and Address Registry on Saipan, Rota, and Tinian.

CSD was applying the U.S. Census Bureau's traditional methods in mapping and creating housing address registers by using hard copies of maps and estimating the approximate locations of housing units. The last update was in 2004. This time, CSD decided to conduct another update of its maps and address registers using satellite imagery and GPS units to accurately plot the locations of all housing units. The GPS units

give CSD accurate locations of housing units to within meters—which future household survey enumerators can use to navigate and locate housing units to conduct surveys.

CSD has hired a total of 13 mappers: seven for Saipan and two each for the islands of Rota and Tinian. Mapping work has begun on Saipan as of June 9; Rota and Tinian will follow soon after.

According to the 2010 Census household count figures, Saipan has a total of about 18,683 household units, Rota a total of about 1,049, and Tinian a total of about 1,118. The entire mapping work will take ap-

proximately eight to 12 weeks to complete.

CSD seeks the public's assistance as mappers canvass and plot housing locations in your neighborhoods. The mappers have been trained and are conducting this operation in accordance with the provisions and mandates of the CNMI Statistical Act of 1990. They are required to introduce themselves, briefly, explain the purpose of their visits, and carry with them their Mapper's Identification at all times.

In addition, CSD would like to acknowledge the assistance of the CNMI Bureau of Environmental & Coastal Quality

for sharing satellite images of Saipan, Rota, and Tinian. Acknowledgement also goes to Dr. Gerald Haberkorn of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community in detailing one of his staff, Phil Bright BSc(GIS), to lend technical assistance to CSD.

Using the BECQ satellite image and GPS points, all household unit locations will be marked on the map and recorded in CSD's Housing Unit Address Register.

"Once all the new GPS data points on all households are updated into CSD's mapping database, we would be able to calculate exactly how many households per block there are

and review their boundaries depending on the counts," stated Bright. "These will then provide even-sized areas for survey sampling and fair enumerator workloads for fieldwork."

With creative use of limited funding, CSD is using an open source mapping software, QGIS (previously known as "Quantum GIS") a cross-platform application that provides data viewing, editing, and analysis capabilities.

Department of Commerce Secretary Sixto K. Igisomar is optimistic on the use of the new GPS units and intends to fully support the vision of data imagery to a whole new level for the CNMI.

The ongoing GPS mapping

phase 1 of the broadband survey is funded by the State Broadband Initiative Grant, also referred to as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. Once all households are updated, the mappers will switch to the roles of enumerators and begin the broadband survey. The broadband survey is focused on assessing and determining households' experience with broadband coverage, price, usage, etc.

For more information or for any inquiries, contact the acting CSD director, Alfonis M. Sound, or Justin H. Andrew, the Managing Supervisor for mapping and survey at 664-3023 or 664-3045. (*Office of the Governor*)

as you count the milestones  
you have achieved, remember  
it is only the beginning to a  
world of possibilities. keep  
the faith in yourself strong,  
thank all who have helped and  
encouraged you, and wherever  
your dreams may take you,  
never forget your home.



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graduates and we wish you  
success in all that you do!

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# Guam crash-stabbing rampage trial opens

By GRACE GARCES BORDALLO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**HAGATNA, Guam (AP)**—The murder trial of a 22-year-old man charged with killing three Japanese tourists during a rampage on Guam last year opened Monday with the prosecution saying rage triggered the attack, while the defense argued the defendant was mentally ill.

Authorities accuse Chad Ryan DeSoto of barreling his car down a sidewalk in the heart of Guam's Tumon tourist district, crashing into a convenience store, then getting out and stabbing bystanders during the Feb. 12, 2013, attack that killed the three tourists and injured 11 others.

Chief Prosecutor Phillip J. Tydingco told the 11-woman, one-man jury that DeSoto, committed his crimes while his anger and rage were fueled by problems with his life and relationships.

DeSoto "shattered the peaceful and once enjoyable tropical



Opening statements have started for the trial of Chad DeSoto at the Superior Court of Guam in Hagatna, Guam, on Monday, June 16, 2014.

night of at least 14 innocent human beings," Tydingco said. He argued that the defendant acted

out "his anger over his depression, anger about his life, anger about his girlfriend who left him

a year or more ago to live away in Utah, anger about his job, his friends, and family life."

Tydingco said he will present evidence that DeSoto told his mother four hours after the attack that he was going to jail.

The defendant sat impassively next to his counsel, public defender Eric Miller, as the prosecutor argued his guilt.

Tydingco called three witnesses to the stand Monday, including a security guard for The Globe nightclub who said

he witnessed the defendant plow his car into pedestrians standing nearby.

The three tourists killed were 81-year-old Kazuko Uehara and 29-year-old Rie Sugiyama, who were stabbed to death; and Hitoshi Yokota, 51, who was hit by a car and died in a hospital two days later.

Miller told the panel that the case was about severe mental illness.

"He is not guilty by reason of insanity," Miller said.

"Mental illness is like any illness. It's like breast cancer, tuberculosis, measles. You don't choose to get it."

Miller said when a brain gets diseased, a lot of "bad things can happen."

About 120 people are expected to testify during the trial, which court officials say will likely last more than a month. One of the key witnesses expected to testify is the defendant's former girlfriend, Reanne Acasio.

Miller told jurors they will hear back from the defense next month, when the defendant's family, including his mother, will testify. He also said three psychiatrists will testify that DeSoto has a mental illness. Miller added that toxicology reports will show no drugs were in the defendant's body, and that the victims were chosen at random.

Guam is a popular destination for Japanese tourists, with the territory getting about 200 flights from Japan weekly, Guam Visitors Bureau spokesman Josh Tyquingco said. Last year, Guam had 1.3 million visitors, and industry experts expect arrivals to grow this year.

The visitors bureau is paying for the transportation and lodging of some witnesses from Japan and Australia at the request of Guam's attorney general.

The trial resumed yesterday.

## JRM, Guam police tie up for Active Shooter Training



U.S. NAVY/LEAH ECLAVEA

Guam Police Department Sgt. Anthony Chaco, right, shows how to disarm an active shooter during a training at the Joint Region Marianas headquarters in Asan on June 16.

By LEAH ECLAVEA  
JOINT REGION MARIANAS PUBLIC AFFAIRS

**ASAN, Guam**—Joint Region Marianas and the Guam Police Department partnered to conduct an Active Shooter Awareness Training at the command headquarters in Asan, Guam on June 11-12 and 16.

The event was the command and GPD's first joint training, and was held to educate JRM sailors and civilian employees about how to respond during an active shooter situation.

"We all have a responsibility to the public, whether it's military law enforcement, local law enforcement, or fed-

eral law enforcement," said JRM security officer Gregory Jacobs. "We are here to protect the public and to ensure that everybody is safe."

The two-part training included an informative brief and analysis of active shooter scenarios, and a simulation to test employees' knowledge and response during an actual event.

GPD Sgt. John Aguon, training facilitator, stressed the importance of individuals to run, hide, or fight as first responders make their way to the scene within the 10-minute window from when the first shot is fired.

"What the people in this

office do, in this building, within zero to 10 minutes will dictate and save the majority of lives," he said. "That is the reason and importance of the awareness training."

JRM Force Chaplain Capt. Melvin Underwood said participating in the event was a great show of partnership between local and federal agencies.

"We've got a fantastic police force and security force both on and off base," he said. "Recognizing that we're building regional partnerships and we're building across fence lines to protect everybody reinforces the idea that we are one team and one fight."

## Man claiming exposure to toxic materials settles suit

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REPORTER

The federal court has approved a settlement agreement in a lawsuit filed by a heavy equipment operator who is now medically disabled after allegedly being exposed to toxic materials at the Marpi landfill.

Vijaya Raghavan Sridharan agreed to settle his lawsuit with Pacific Drilling Ltd., PDL president Rama Medabalmi, and PDL chief engineer Maheshi Balakrishnan.

PDL is Sridharan's former employer.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona approved the settlement agreement on Monday after finding it in the best interests of Sridharan and his wife, Kanchana.

The parties kept the settlement amount confidential.

With the settlement, Manglona dismissed the lawsuit with prejudice, which means the plaintiff can no longer refile the case.

Attorney Michael W. Dotts, counsel for the Sridharan couple, and attorney Thomas E. Clifford, counsel for PDL, Medabalmi and Balakrishnan, informed the court of their settlement and asked it to dismiss the case.

According to Dotts and Clifford, the settlement agreement covers all claims that have been brought, including a related workers compensation claim pending before the CNMI Workers Compensation Commission.

Sridharan has now returned to India. His wife would also

like to return to India as soon as possible. Neither plans to return to Saipan.

Dotts and Clifford said this further justifies the settlement.

According to the complaint, Sridharan began working for PDL in 1997 as a heavy equipment operator. He stopped working for PDL in April 2010 as he can no longer work due to health problems.

Dotts and co-counsel Ramon Quichocho alleged that Sridharan's health problems began during the latter part of 2008, after he was assigned to the Marpi landfill where he was apparently left without proper and adequate safety gear or supervision.

Sridharan's problems were allegedly the result of being exposed to and breathing in air that contained lead and other toxins.

## Group seeks to create no-kill animal shelter on Saipan

The public is invited to attend a get-together to share ideas and discuss plans for "Emily's Hope," a non-profit, no-kill animal shelter on Saipan.

"Emily's Hope," a future shelter, will house lost, homeless, and abandoned dogs and cats. Its goal is to aid each animal with housing, medical care, spay and neuter programs, and meals in a safe,

loving, and caring environment while waiting for adoption or being reunited with their family.

Organizers are looking for individuals or groups with compassion for animals with skills in secretary, treasury, grant writing, Web design, law, CPA, fundraising, public relations, contractors, animal care and training, and many more.

If you or anyone you know are interested in learning more or have a skill you could share with us to help, or just come with your support, join us as we work together to make "Emily's Hope" a reality. We will meet on Tuesday, July 1, 2014, at 6:30pm inside Café at The Park. For more information, contact Damiana at 322-5949. (PR)



# Business

## GM recalls 3.4M more cars for ignition problems

**DETROIT** (AP)—General Motors is recalling another 3 million cars because of a defect that causes a similar problem to one that led to an earlier massive recall of small cars, and is linked to 13 deaths.

The ignition switches in Chevrolet Impalas, Cadillac Devilles and five other models can slip out of the “run” posi-

tion if the keychain has too much weight on it and the car is jarred, for example, by hitting a pothole. To fix the problem, GM will revise or replace the key.

Similar to the 2.6 million small cars GM began recalling in February, drivers of the newly recalled models could experience an engine stall, loss of power-assisted steering and

brakes, and the air bags may not inflate in a crash. GM says the latest recall involves six injuries and no deaths, and is related to the design of the key. A mechanical defect in the switch is at the heart of the other recall.

GM is in the midst of a companywide safety review, and has now issued 44 recalls this year covering more than 20 million

vehicles—nearly 18 million the U.S. The latest recall is likely to spark more questions about GM’s commitment to safety when CEO Mary Barra testifies for the second time before a House panel investigating why it took GM 11 years to recall the small cars.

Barra endured some harsh questions in April, but refused to answer most pending the release of an internal investigation. GM released those results on June 5, blaming a dysfunctional corporate structure and poor decisions by some employees for the crisis.

The company also announced plans to establish a fund to compensate the families of those who died, plus those injured in more than 50 crashes.

“This latest recall raises even more questions about just how pervasive safety problems are at GM,” said Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, whose oversight panel is investigating GM’s handling of the ignition switch defect.

Internal investigations found that the switches used in small

cars such as the Chevrolet Cobalt and Saturn Ion were approved even though they didn’t meet GM specifications. The force required to turn the switches didn’t meet GM’s specifications, meaning the switches can be turned too easily.

The engineer who designed and approved the switches, Ray DeGiorgio, subsequently had the part supplier change the switch, but didn’t properly document the change. That proved to be a roadblock in GM investigations over a number of years.

### Recalls top 20M globally for year

General Motors on Monday announced that it would recall about 3.4 million older large cars for an ignition problem. Plus, the company recalled another 166,000 cars and trucks in five other recalls for a series of other problems.

The recalls bring GM’s total so far this year to 44, covering 20 million vehicles worldwide. In the U.S., GM has recalled more than 17.7 million cars and trucks this year. GM already has beaten its old full-year record of 10.75 million recalled vehicles set in 2004. And a company spokesman said the company is still reviewing its ignition switches to see if there are any more problems.

Here are the latest recalls announced by the company:

■ About 3.4 million older large cars in North America because the ignition switches can move from “run” to “accessory.” That shuts off the engines and knocks out power steering and brakes, and that can cause drivers to lose control. GM says the problem happens when people have stuff dangling from their key chains

and they hit a big bump. The company will make the hole smaller in the key so things don’t dangle. The recall covers the 2005-2009 Buick LaCrosse, 2006-2014 Chevrolet Impala, 2000 to 2005 Cadillac Deville, 2004-2011 Cadillac DTS, the 2006-2011 Buick Lucerne, the 2004 and 2005 Buick Regal LS and GS, and the Chevy Monte Carlo from the 2006 through 2008 model years. Until repairs are made, GM is telling owners to remove everything from key chains and run cars only with the ignition key.

■ About 69,000 Cadillac ATS sports sedans from the 2013 and 2014 model years, and another 22,000 Cadillac CTS sedans, all with automatic transmissions. The shift cable can come loose and drivers may not be able to shift the cars out of gear. No crashes or injuries reported.

— More than 57,000 Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra 2500 and 3500 Heavy Duty pickups from the 2015 model year. Power steering pump hoses may detach and fluid

can spill, causing loss of power steering and power brakes. Dealers will inspect the hose clamps and make sure they’re secured.

■ Nearly 17,000 2011 Cadillac CTS sedans from the 2011 model year with all-wheel-drive. A gasket can leak and cause a rear drive shaft to come loose, bumping the vehicle floor and setting off a roll-over sensor that inflates roof air bags. GM knows of 15 unintended air bag deployments but says injury data is unclear.

■ 712 Chevy Corvettes with competition sport seats from the 2104 model year. An unbelted child and door trim can block the passenger seat side air bag vent. Dealers will add a redesigned air bag.

■ 184 Chevy Silverado and GMC Sierra pickups from 2014 and 2015 with vinyl floors and all-weather floor mats purchased with the vehicles. Mats can slip under the driver’s feet because the floors have no attachments to keep them in place. Customers should take the mats to their dealers for a refund. (AP)



In this Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010, file photo, the 2011 Chevrolet Camaro convertible debuts at the Los Angeles Auto Show.

### Obama’s economic focus seeks to unify Democrats

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—This was the year President Obama would go all in on the economy, elevating the struggles of the poor and the middle class to the top of his agenda. But that focus has been sporadic, overshadowed by foreign policy hot spots in Ukraine and Iraq and controversies like the swap for a U.S. prisoner in Afghanistan.

As Democrats demand that the White House lead with a unified economic message, Obama during the next several weeks is looking to cut through with an emphasis on working families, manufacturing, wages and the need for greater spending on infrastructure projects. The atten-

tion could be crucial in an election year when some Democrats in vulnerable races are not embracing other top Obama issues like climate change and health care.

The summer economic focus comes amid signs that the economy is steadily recovering from the recession. U.S. manufacturing output, for instance, rose at a solid pace in May, the latest indicator that the economy is rebounding from a weak first quarter. The unemployment rate is down to 6.3 percent, the stock market is humming, auto sales were up last month.

For all that, White House officials concede the American public is still anxious about the

economy. Wages remain stagnant, workers have dropped out of the labor force, and 3.4 million Americans have been without work for 27 weeks or more, thus classifying them as long-term unemployed.

It is in that environment that the White House over the next four weeks is planning to focus on several economic fronts, from manufacturing and innovation this week to working families next week to insourcing and infrastructure. Obama themes will range from education and good wages, to job training and tax fairness—all the while stressing their direct benefit to individual Americans.

### IMF lowers estimate of US economic growth in 2014

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—The U.S. economy is poised to accelerate after a dismal start to the year even though the job market won’t return to full employment until 2017.

That was the forecast offered Monday in a report by the International Monetary Fund.

The IMF noted that steady job gains and other recent data suggest that the economy is rebounding. Employers have added 200,000-plus jobs for four straight months, and the unemployment rate has fallen to 6.3 percent. Auto sales and factory activity are increasing.

Yet growth in 2014 won’t likely top last year’s lackluster performance, the IMF says. The Washington-based organization foresees the economy growing a modest 2 percent in 2014, below its previous estimate of 2.7 percent. That would be nearly identical to the 1.9 percent

growth in 2013.

The IMF blames the lingering aftermath of the brutal winters and a sluggish recovery in home sales. Years of disappointing growth mean the economy might not reach full employment—which many economists say is when the unemployment rate is between 5 and 5.5 percent—for three more years.

Christine Lagarde, the IMF’s managing director, suggested at a news conference that the past winter shows that another wild card might be holding back the economy and could make predictions more difficult: climate change.

“Extreme weather occurrences have repeated much more frequently in the past 20 years than the previous century,” she stressed. “That’s a reason to wonder about climate change and how to deal with it.”

Yet the IMF is optimistic that a

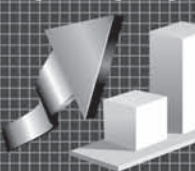
“renewed dynamism” will propel growth for the rest of 2014, partly offsetting what many analysts think was a contraction of up to 2 percent last quarter.

The unemployment rate has tumbled to 6.3 percent from 7.5 percent in 12 months, evidence of that momentum.

But the IMF cautions that U.S. wages remain stagnant and the rate of long-term unemployment high. As a result, it urged lawmakers to lift the minimum wage and increase the Earned Income Tax Credit for those with low wages.

The IMF projects that growth will reach 3 percent in 2015, roughly matching the United States’ average rate of expansion between 1948 and 2007. But even the 2015 estimate was a downward revision from the IMF’s previous forecast that growth next year would be 3.5 percent.

#### STOCK PORTFOLIO



#### LEADING INDICATORS

##### DOW

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+5.27  
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##### S&P

1,937.78  
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##### NASDAQ

4,321.11  
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#### EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms

Australian Dollar	1.0689
British Pound	0.5892
Canadian Dollar	1.0854
Chinese Yuan	6.2378
Euro	6.2378

Hong Kong Dollar	7.7518
Indian Rupee	60.3175
Indonesian Rupiah	11819
Japanese Yen	101.965
Malaysian Ringgit	3.2283
New Zealand Dollar	1.1539

Philippine Peso	43.925
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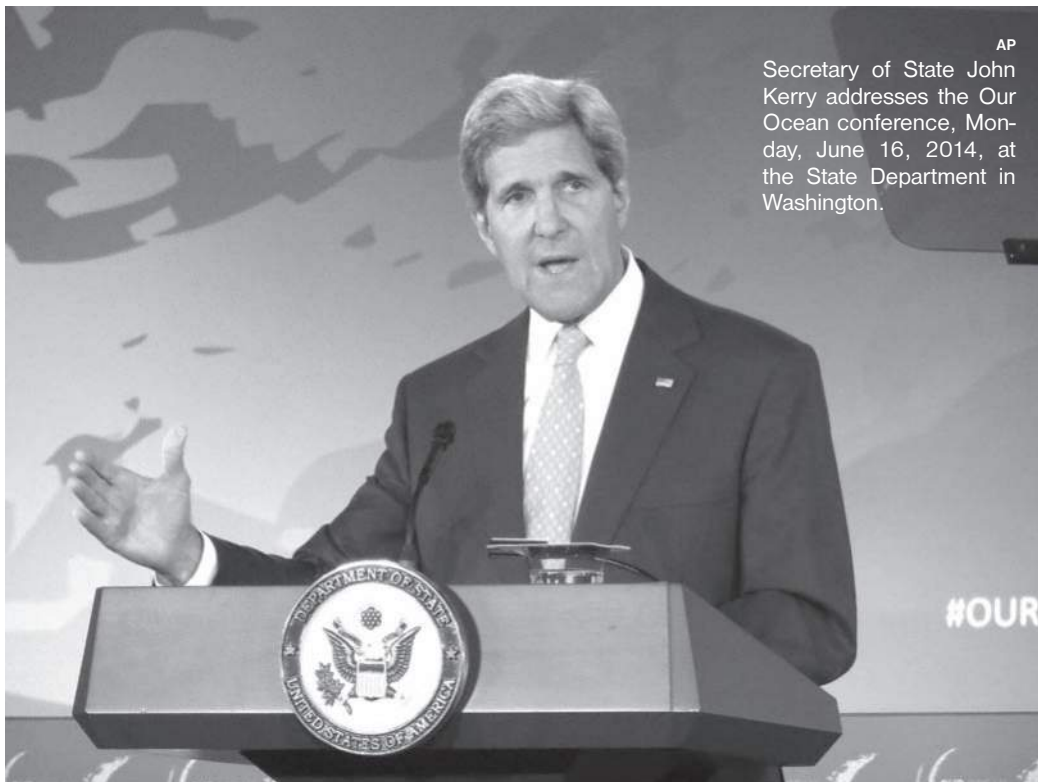
## More US troops to Iraq; special forces considered

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—The U.S. is urgently deploying several hundred armed troops in and around Iraq and considering sending an additional contingent of special forces soldiers as Baghdad struggles to repel a rampant insurgency, even as the White House insists anew that America will not be dragged into another war.

President Barack Obama notified Congress on Monday that up to 275 troops could be sent to Iraq to provide support and security for U.S. personnel and the American Embassy in Baghdad. About 170 of those forces have already arrived and another 100 soldiers will be on standby in a nearby country until they are needed, a U.S. official said.

While Obama has vowed to keep U.S. forces out of combat in Iraq, he said in his notification to Congress that the personnel moving into the region are equipped for direct fighting.

And separately, three U.S. officials said the White House was considering sending a contingent of special forces soldiers to Iraq. Their limited mission—which has not yet been approved—would focus on training and advising beleaguered Iraqi troops, many of whom have fled their posts across the nation's north and west as the al-Qaida-inspired insurgency



AP  
Secretary of State John Kerry addresses the Our Ocean conference, Monday, June 16, 2014, at the State Department in Washington.

has advanced in the worst threat to the country since American troops left in 2011.

The moves come at the White House wrestles with an array of options for helping Iraq repel a Sunni Muslim insurgency that has captured large swaths of territory collaring Baghdad, the capital of the Shiite-led government. In a rare move, U.S. officials reached out to Iran Monday to discuss ways the long-time foes might help stop the militants known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the

Levant.

The conversations took place on the sidelines of separate nuclear negotiations taking place in Vienna, Austria. U.S. officials quickly tamped down speculation that the discussion might include military coordination or consultation, though Secretary of State John Kerry said in an interview with Yahoo! News that the U.S. would “not rule out anything that would be constructive.”

Kerry stressed that any contacts with Iran would move

“step-by-step.”

Taken together, the developments suggest a willingness by Obama to send Americans into a collapsing security situation in order to quell the brutal fighting in Iraq before it morphs into outright war.

The White House said the forces authorized for support and security will assist with the temporary relocation of some staff from the Baghdad embassy. The forces are entering Iraq with the consent of that country's government, the White

House said.

Pentagon press secretary Rear Adm. John Kirby said the troops on standby could “provide airfield management, security, and logistics support, if required.” They could work with embassy security teams or operate as a stand-alone force as directed.

Officials would not say where the soldiers would be on standby, but it is likely they would be in Kuwait, which was a major basing ground for U.S. troops during the Iraq war.

If the U.S. were to deploy an additional team of special forces, the mission would almost certainly be small. One U.S. official said it could be up to 100 special forces soldiers. It also could be authorized only as an advising and training mission—meaning the soldiers would work closely

with Iraqi forces that are fighting the insurgency but would not officially be considered as combat troops.

The White House would not confirm that special operations forces were under consideration. But spokeswoman Caitlin Hayden said that while Obama would not send troops back into combat, “he has asked his national security team to prepare a range of other options that could help support Iraqi security forces.”

It's not clear how quickly the special forces could arrive in Iraq. It's also unknown whether they would remain in Baghdad or be sent to the nation's north, where the Sunni Muslim insurgency has captured large swaths of territory collaring Baghdad, the capital of the Shiite-led government.

## 1 person dead, 19 injured by Nebraska tornadoes

**PILGER, Neb. (AP)**—A powerful storm with tornadoes ripped through northeast Nebraska on Monday, destroying more than half of the tiny town of Pilger, killing a 5-year-old child and injuring at least 19 people, hospital and emergency officials said.

The National Weather Service said dual twisters touched down within roughly a mile of each other. Emergency crews and residents spent the evening sorting through demolished homes and businesses in the community of about 350, roughly 100 miles northwest of Omaha.

“More than half of the town is gone - absolutely gone,” Stanton County Commissioner Jerry Weatherholt said. “The co-op is gone, the grain bins are gone, and it looks like almost every house in town has some damage. It's a complete mess.”

Victims were taken to three regional hospitals, and at least one had died from unspecified injuries, hospital officials said.

Jodi Richey, a spokeswoman for Faith Regional Health Services in nearby Norfolk, said one person died and 16 others were being treated at the hospital. Hospital officials initially described those patients as being in critical condition, but said later that some had been released after treatment.

The Stanton County Sheriff's Office confirmed late Monday that the person killed was a 5-year-old child. It didn't specify the child's gender.

One was transferred to a trauma center in Omaha, while others required surgery,

said Dr. Doug Dilly, who was in the emergency room when patients arrived.

Providence Medical Center in nearby Wayne treated three tornado patients, including two who had lacerations, said hospital spokeswoman Sandy Bartling. Two were released Monday evening, and the third patient was in stable condition, she said.

Stanton County Sheriff Mike Unger estimated that 50 to 75 percent of Pilger was heavily damaged or destroyed in the storm. The local school is likely beyond repair, he said.

“It's total devastation,” Unger said.

Authorities said the first tornado touched down around 3:45 p.m. and downed several power lines before it leveled a farmhouse. Four people were trapped inside.

While local crews removed them from the debris, a second tornado was spotted southwest of Pilger, according to the Stanton County Sheriff's Office. Shortly afterward, the town suffered a “direct hit” that leveled several buildings, including the Fire Department building, the sheriff's office said. Several people near Main Street in Pilger suffered critical injuries, including the child who later died.

Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman declared a state of emergency, and the National Guard was preparing to assist local emergency responders and help with the cleanup. Heineman and officials with the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency were expected to arrive Tuesday morning.

## Obama to sign order extending gays' protections

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—After years of pressure from gay rights groups, President Barack Obama plans to sign an executive order banning federal contractors from discriminating against employees on the basis of their sexual orientation or gender identity, the White House said Monday.

While Obama lacks the authority to extend that protection to all Americans, the

order being drafted by the White House would impact about 14 million workers whose employers or states currently do not ban workplace discrimination against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals. The scope of the measure was tabulated by the Williams Institute at UCLA Law School, which studies sexual orientation and gender identity law

and public policy.

The president has resisted signing the order in hopes Congress would pass a broader non-discrimination measure that would apply to nearly all employers. While the Senate passed the legislation last year, the measure has languished in the Republican-led House and there is little sign that lawmakers will take it up in an election year.

“We've been waiting for quite a few months now for the House to take action and unfortunately there are no particularly strong indications that Congress is prepared to act on this,” White House spokesman Josh Earnest said.

The White House's announcement was a significant victory for gay rights advocates, who widely praised Obama's decision.



### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Plan to house immigrant children in Va. on hold

**RICHMOND, Va. (AP)**—U.S. officials are looking into temporarily housing hundreds of Central American immigrant children and teenagers on the campus of a closed college in rural Virginia. Administration for Children and Families spokesman Kenneth J. Wolfe told The Associated Press in an email Monday that the idea is on hold to allow the community to discuss it. He said a Thursday meeting is scheduled on the idea to house the immigrants at St. Paul's College in the tiny tobacco-farming community of Lawrenceville. Brunswick County Sheriff Brian Roberts says residents are

worried about security and are upset no one told them about the plan.

#### Police: Priest killed with gun owned by colleague

**PHOENIX (AP)**—A homeless ex-convict beat a priest with a metal rod in his residence at a Phoenix church then wrestled away a handgun owned by the clergyman before fatally shooting the man's assistant, police said Monday as they announced an arrest in the case. The attack occurred after the Rev. Joseph Terra opened the kitchen door of the Mother of Mercy Mission rectory to investigate noises in a courtyard on Wednesday night, police

said. Badly injured, Terra made it to his bedroom and retrieved his .357-caliber gun but was unable to fire before the attacker grabbed it, forced the priest to his knees and demanded money, according to court records. Terra soon blacked out. When he regained consciousness, the Rev. Kenneth Walker had been shot. He died later that night. Terra, who was able to give Walker last rites after the assault, remained hospitalized on Monday.

#### California wildfire evacuations lifted

**LAKE ISABELLA, Calif. (AP)**—All evacuation orders were lifted Monday evening after firefighters made significant

progress containing 50 percent of a smoky mountain wildfire west of a lake near Bakersfield, officials said. The blaze has destroyed three houses, damaged another and forced hundreds to flee their homes. At least two of the burned houses appeared to be abandoned, the U.S. Forest Service said in a statement. One other home was damaged by the blaze, which charred more than 4 square miles of trees and brush in and around Sequoia National Forest and also threatened power lines and communications facilities. Firefighters used air tankers and helicopters to battle the blaze in the southern Sierra Nevada. The fire's been pushed by gusty winds amid drought conditions.



# Asia

## Cambodian exodus from Thailand grows to 160,000

**PHNOM PENH, Cambodia** (AP)—The number of Cambodians who have returned home from Thailand this month after a threatened crackdown on foreigners working illegally has topped 160,000, a Cambodian official said Monday.

Cambodian Foreign Ministry spokesman Koy Kuong said the workers returned through several border crossings, with the one connecting the town of Poipet with Thailand's Aranyaprathet accounting for 142,000.

Thai officials insist the cross-border movement is voluntary and is not forced repatriation. They say Thai military and government resources were used to transport workers who decided to return home after being laid off because they were working illegally. Other workers assumed they were being forced

out and rumors arose they were being abused, triggering the mass exodus, they say.

The numbers rose last week when rumors—unsubstantiated so far—spread that Thai soldiers had killed as many as nine Cambodians and threatened and beaten others.

Thailand announced it would crack down on foreigners working illegally after the army took power in a May 22 coup. Cambodian rights groups say Thai authorities are coercing the Cambodians to go home and abusing them. Considerably more than 200,000 Cambodians are estimated to be working in Thailand, most illegally.

Thai Foreign Ministry spokesman Sek Wannamethee told The Associated Press on Monday that allegations that

Thailand was deporting migrant workers were “unfounded” and that they were leaving voluntarily, “facilitated by the Thai side in terms of transportation to the border checkpoints.”

One Cambodian worker contacted by phone in Poipet told a slightly different story.

Chem Cheda, 20, said he had been part of a construction crew in Samut Prakarn, a booming suburb of Thailand's capital, working illegally. He said he enjoyed the job, for which he made 9,000 baht (\$300) a month. On Friday, he said, Thai soldiers—he believed they were military police—came to his workplace and talked to the Thai manager. The manager then informed the employees that all Cambodians who were working illegally must return home by order of the military.

## Filipino militant nabbed for US, Aussie abductions

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—Philippine security forces have captured two Abu Sayyaf militants in a southern city, including one who allegedly was involved in the kidnappings of an American teenage boy and an Australian man, officials said Tuesday.

Police and army troops captured Jimmy Nurilla and Bakrin Haris on Monday in a raid on their hideout in Sangali village in the port city of Zamboanga in a volatile region where the al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf group has carried out kidnappings for ransom, bombings, extortion and other acts of banditry. One other militant escaped during the raid, police said.

The Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Commission said without elaborating that the militants were in possession of explosives and rebel documents when arrested.

Nurilla was believed to be involved in a number of kidnappings, including of American Kevin Lunsman, who was 14 when he escaped from his Abu Sayyaf captors in 2011 after five months in captivity on Basilan island, near Zamboanga. He also has been suspected of involvement in the kidnapping of Warren Richard Rodwell, a former Australian soldier who was freed near southern Pagadian city in March last year after 15 months of jungle captivity, ac-

cording to the commission.

Ransom kidnappings have long been a problem in the southern Philippines and have been blamed mostly on the Abu Sayyaf, an al-Qaida-linked group on a list of U.S. terrorist organizations, and its allied armed groups.

The Abu Sayyaf, which currently has about 300 armed fighters, was organized in the early 1990s in Basilan, about 880 kilometers (550 miles) south of Manila. With an unwieldy collective of preachers and outlaws, it vowed to wage jihad, or holy war, but lost its key leaders early in combat, sending it on a violent path of extremism and criminality.

### Police: Indian factory workers kill CEO in dispute

**KOLKATA, India** (AP)—An angry mob of Indian workers wielding iron rods and stones beat the CEO of a jute factory to death in a dispute over increasing their working hours, police said Monday after arresting six workers. The suspects—two detained Monday and four on Sunday—are expected to be charged with murder, vandalism and other crimes allegedly committed when the mob of about 200 workers stormed the office of 60-year-old H.K. Maheswari in the eastern Indian state of West Bengal, according to Hooghly District Police Superintendent Sunil Chowdhury. Maheswari had denied their earlier request to work and be paid for 40 hours a week at the North Brook Jute Mill, instead of the current norm of 25. He had also proposed shutting down the mill for three days a week to limit mounting financial losses, according to the factory's general manager, Kiranjit Singh.

### China executes 13 over terrorism, violent crimes

**BEIJING** (AP)—China executed 13 people on Monday over terrorism and violent crimes in the far western region of Xinjiang, including three men accused in an attack that left at least 34 people dead, state media said. The executions took place on the same day that a Xinjiang court sentenced three other people to death for planning a deadly car ramming at Beijing's Tiananmen Gate last year that killed five people. The government has been waging a harsh crackdown after a series of deadly attacks blamed on Muslim separatists in the Xinjiang region. The official Xinhua News Agency said the 13 executed people were convicted of crimes such as organizing, leading and participating in terrorism groups, arson, murder, burglary, and illegal manufacturing, storage and transporting of explosives.

# World

## Iran's general in Iraq, militants seize key city

**BAGHDAD** (AP)—In a sign of Iran's deepening involvement in the Iraqi crisis, the commander of Tehran's elite Quds Force is helping Iraq's military and Shiite militias gear up to fight the Sunni insurgents advancing across the country, officials said Monday.

Washington signaled a new willingness work with Iran to help the Iraqi government stave off the insurgency after years of trying to limit Tehran's influence in Baghdad—a dramatic shift that would have been unthinkable a few weeks ago.

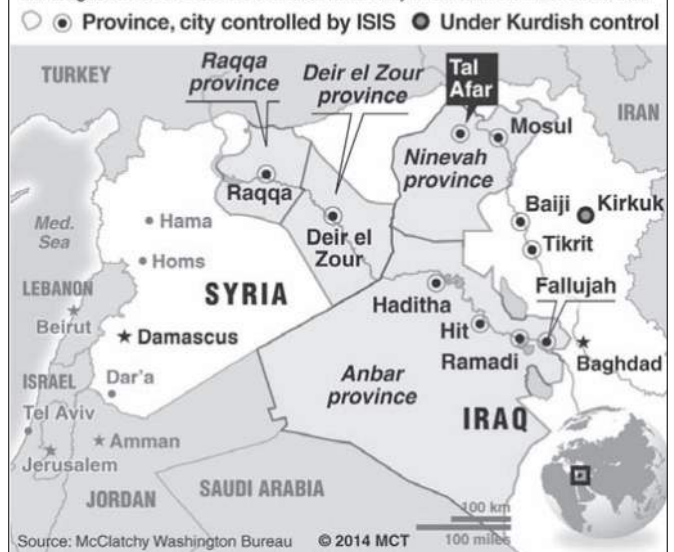
The United States is deploying up to 275 military troops to Iraq to protect the U.S. Embassy and other American interests and is considering sending a contingent of special forces soldiers. But the White House insisted anew the U.S. would not be sending combat troops and thrusting America into a new Iraq war.

The insurgents seized the strategic city of Tal Afar near the Syrian border Monday, part of its goal of linking areas under its control on both sides of the Iraq-Syria frontier. West of Baghdad, an army helicopter was shot down during clashes near the city of Fallujah, killing the two-man crew, security officials said.

The Quds Force commander, Iranian Gen. Ghasem Soleimani, has been consulting in Iraq on how to roll back the al-Qaida-breakaway group, known as the Islamic State of

### Under ISIS control

The militant Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) has seized the strategic town of Tal Afar. Areas and major cities/towns it controls:



Iraq and the Levant, according to Iraqi security officials.

Soleimani's presence in Iraq is likely to fuel longtime Sunni suspicions about the Shiite-led government's close ties with Tehran.

The security officials said the U.S. government was notified before Soleimani's visit.

Soleimani has been inspecting Iraqi defenses and reviewing plans with top commanders and Iranian-backed Iraqi Shiite militias, the officials said. He has set up an operations room to coordinate the militias and visited the holy cities of Najaf and Karbala south of Baghdad, home to the most revered Shiite shrines, and areas west of Baghdad where government forces have

faced off with Islamic militants for months.

The Islamic State has vowed to march to Baghdad, Karbala and Najaf in the worst threat to Iraq's stability since U.S. troops left in 2011. A call to arms Friday from Iraq's top Shiite cleric, Iranian-born Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, gave prominence to the need to defend the holy shrines.

Soleimani's visit adds significantly to the sectarian slant of the mobilization by the government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. Armed Shiite militiamen have been parading on the streets and volunteers joining the security forces are chanting Shiite religious slogans.

## Russia cuts gas supply to Ukraine as tensions soar

**MOSCOW** (AP)—Russia halted natural gas deliveries to Ukraine on Monday, spurning Ukraine's offer to pay some of its multibillion-dollar gas debt and demanding upfront payments for future supplies.

The decision, coming amid deep tensions over eastern Ukraine, provoked strong words from both sides but does not immediately affect the crucial flow of Russian gas to Europe. Ukraine has enough reserves to last until December, according to the head of its state gas company Naftogaz.

Still, the Russian move could disrupt Europe's long-term energy supplies if the issue is not resolved, analysts said. Previous gas disputes left Ukraine and some Balkan nations shivering for nearly two weeks in the dead of winter.

The gas conflict is part of a wider dispute over whether Ukraine aligns itself with Russia or with the 28-nation European Union and comes amid a crisis in relations following Russia's annexation of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula in March. Ukraine ac-

cuses Russia of supporting an armed separatist insurgency in its eastern regions, which Russia denies.

Ukraine's new president, meanwhile, said Monday that he will propose a detailed peace plan this week that includes a cease-fire with the separatist rebels. But before that happens, the armed forces must secure control over Ukraine's porous border with Russia, President Petro Poroshenko said at a meeting of his national security council.

“As soon as the border is closed, we can immediately declare a cease-fire,” he said. “Declaring a cease-fire while the border is open would be irresponsible.”

There was no immediate response from the separatists to Poroshenko's comments.

Ukraine, one of the most energy inefficient countries in Europe, has been chronically behind on payments for the Russian natural gas needed to heat its homes and fuel its industries. In addition, Russia had been giving its neighbor cut-rate sweetheart deals on gas for various political rea-

sons, a practice that came to a halt April 1.

Russia had demanded \$1.95 billion by Monday for past-due bills. At talks over the weekend in Kiev, Ukraine was ready to accept a compromise of paying \$1 billion now and more later, but Russia rejected the offer, the European Commission said.

Sergei Kupriyanov, spokesman for Russian gas giant Gazprom, said since Ukraine missed the deadline, from now on it had to pay in advance for energy. Yet that's a nearly impossible demand for the cash-strapped nation, which is fighting an insurgency and investigating possibly billions lost to corruption under its former pro-Russian president, Viktor Yanukovich.

EU member states got 24 percent of their gas in 2012 from Russia, according to industry association Eurogas, and about half of that goes through the pipelines across Ukraine. In 2013, Ukraine imported nearly 26 billion cubic meters of gas from Russia, just over half of its annual consumption.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### 3 Sri Lankan Muslims killed in attack by Buddhists

**ALUTHGAMA, Sri Lanka** (AP)—Hard-line Buddhists hurled gasoline bombs and looted homes and businesses in attacks in several Muslim towns in southwestern Sri Lanka, killing three Muslims and seriously wounding more than 50 people, authorities said Monday. The overnight attacks were led by a mob from Bodu Bala Sena, or Buddhist Power Force, which rails against the country's Muslim minority. The group has been gaining followers and is believed to enjoy state support. Gotabhaya Rajapaksa, Sri Lanka's powerful defense secretary and the president's brother, once made a public appearance supporting the group's cause. The violence in the towns of Aluthgama, Darga Nagar and Beruwala erupted after a Sunday afternoon rally by Bodu Bala Sena. Video clips show the group's general secretary, the Rev. Galagoda Atte Gnanasara, telling the crowd that Muslim-owned shops were in danger.



## Campus Life

# Learning about climate change the Pacific way



(From left to right: Alisi Pulini, Fiji Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation; Apenisa Tamani, SPC/GIZ CCCPIR; Carol Young, Co-Author, SEREAD; Dr. Helene Jacot des Combes, USP PACE SD; Alumei Tuisawau, TEST/Fiji Ministry of Education, National Heritage, Culture and Arts; Lalage Cherry, Australian Department of the Environment; Malcolm Delesa, Vanuatu Meteorological and Geo-hazard Department; Andrew Teem, Kiribati Office of the Beretitenti; Hanna Sabass, Co-Author, SPC/GIZ CCCPIR; Sandeep Singh, US Embassy; Fekitamoeloa Utoikamanu, SPC; Dr. Wulf Killmann, SPC/GIZ CCCPIR, Dr. Netatua Pelesikoti, SPREP & Mulipola Ausetalia Titimaea, Samoa Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment)

**SUVA, Fiji**—Children across the Pacific are set to receive a visual learning aid that will help them understand climate change processes and encourage them to get active in adaptation and mitigation. A new picture-based education resource

called “*Learning about Climate Change the Pacific Way*” has been produced for students, teachers and facilitators. It includes posters and country-specific teacher guides that illustrate and explain key concepts such as climate, the causes and

effects of climate change, and adaptation and mitigation options for Pacific Islands.

An initial supply of 6,000 copies of the resource will be printed and distributed through ministries of education to primary and secondary schools in Fiji, Kiribati,

Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu. It was developed by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community in partnership with the German Agency for International Cooperation through the Coping with Climate Change in the Pacific Islands Region Program and in collaboration with the ministries of education and relevant government agencies in each of the countries. Seed funding was provided by the Australian government through the Pacific-Australia Climate Change Science and Adaptation Planning Program.

“*Learning about Climate Change the Pacific Way*” was officially launched on June 5, 2014, at De Vos on the Park hotel in Suva, Fiji, by the Fiji Ministry of Education with climate change focal points from the Governments of Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu.

The resource consists of 16 illustrated posters that depict the water cycle, Pacific islands and global climate, causes of climate change, interrelationships between different factors, how the climate is changing in five Pacific Island countries, and mitigation and adaptation measures that can be implemented through gardening, forestry and fishing activities and in a town

centre. Copies of the resource are available online (<http://www.spc.int/cc-project/>).

The accompanying teacher guides provide background information and ideas for hands-on teaching activities. These have been designed to assist teachers to provide practical and engaging instruction methods that deliver key messages on climate change science for learners of any age.

Special attention will be given to training teachers so they and their students can gain maximum benefit from the new resource.

Alumei Tuisawau, Director of Technology Employment Skills Training at the Fiji Ministry of Education, National Heritage, Culture and Arts, said, “The resource is very timely... we want to use *Learning about Climate Change the Pacific Way* to train teachers.”

The Kiribati Teachers College pretested the resource by training 55 teachers in Abaiang, an outer island in Kiribati. Carol Young, an education specialist employed to assist with the training, said: “The resource was very well received in Kiribati and the suggested learning activities were immediately

used by teachers in their classrooms. Students were very excited as they could recognize their environment in the pictures and they got active with drama and singing.”

Further funding was provided by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and the U.S. Agency for International Development. Funding was provided through the CCCPIR program and the Enhanced Climate Change Resilience of Food Production Systems in Pacific Island Countries and Territories project respectively.

The Australian Department for the Environment, United States Embassy, Pacific Regional Environmental Program, Pacific Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development of the University of the South Pacific and SEREAD helped to celebrate the launch.

SPREP, USP, SEREAD, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Pacific Resources for Education and Learning, and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies also provided technical advice and input during the development of the resource. (SPC)

## PICRC, PCC to work on ecological monitoring certification program



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

PCC president Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and PICRC CEO Dr. Yimnang Golbuu shake hands after signing the memorandum.

On Tuesday, June 10, 2014, the Palau International Coral Reef Center and Palau Community College met at the PCC Assembly Hall to sign a Memorandum of Cooperation Agreement. The agreement will develop and implement a collaborative ecological monitoring certification program.

It was signed by Dr. Yimnang Golbuu, chief executive officer of the Palau International Coral Reef Center, and Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, president of Palau Community College.

Witnesses of the signing included staff members from PICRC, PCC, the Protected Area Network Office, P-Co-RIE, and the Japan International Cooperation Agency. PAN coordinators from the

states of Koror, Ngaraard, Ngardmau, and Ngilwal were also present at the signing.

The certification program will be hosted at PCC. It will strengthen the partnership between both institutes, build local capacity for conservation, and support conservation mainly on the aspect of law enforcement. The program will be developed jointly by both parties and its training will be implemented according to the standards of the college. Under the collaborative agreement, both institutions will provide and educate trainers who will eventually conduct the courses of the program; provide other resources needed for the program's conduct; issue certificates of successful completers

of the program; and continuously evaluate, modify, and improve the program. Both parties will join forces to provide proper training in the development of the local ability to preserve and protect Palau's pristine natural environment.

The training course will prepare individual state conservation programs to comply with PAN requirements. It will also provide conservation workers with ecological background knowledge. The courses will be offered through the Continuing Education Division of Palau Community College. While it is intended for conservation officers, the training program will be made available to all interested members of the community. (PCC)



## Thank you, Saipan Tribune

Thank you, *Saipan Tribune*, for your continued donation of newspapers to the school. The students and teachers enjoy reading them and being able to discuss what is going on in not only our community, but also around the world. After reading the papers the students were given an assignment to recycle them into something useful and creative. One of the fifth graders, Do Hyeon Kim, decided to make a chair out of the papers. It is very strong and a favorite for both students and teachers to read on. Can't wait to see how the other projects come along! We have already sent the certificates of appreciation to Cosmos, D&Q, Mobil and *Saipan Tribune*. (*Saipan International School*)



# Life & Style

## An unlikely harmony for Clint Eastwood in 'Jersey Boys'

By **JAKE COYLE**  
AP FILM WRITER

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Amid the swirl of an early 1960s party scene in Clint Eastwood's latest, an adaptation of "Jersey Boys," the hit Broadway musical about Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, a television screen flashes an unexpected face: young Clint, himself, in black-and-white.

The period-appropriate shot from the TV Western "Rawhide"—a wry Hitchcockian cameo—condenses in a moment the almost unfathomable breadth of Eastwood's career: fresh-faced cowboy to steadfast Oscar-winning director. Does it feel like a lifetime ago to Eastwood?

"Several lifetimes ago," chuckles the 84-year-old director. "Seeing myself in 1959 or '60 or '61 or whenever that episode was done, it was kind of like: Wow. I've traveled a long road since then."

That road—from Sergio Leone's spaghetti Westerns to Eastwood's own "Unforgiven," from "Make my day" to "Get off my lawn"—has made an unlikely detour down the New Jer-

sey Turnpike. "Jersey Boys"—Eastwood's 12th film as director since turning 70—only adds to what's by now one of the most remarkable late chapters of any filmmaker. How has he done it?

"I just never let the old man in," said Eastwood in a recent interview. "I was always looking for new things to do. I rightfully or wrongly always thought I could do anything."

Such an attitude explains many of his accomplishments. Who else would have thought a tragic story about a female boxer ("Million Dollar Baby") could be such a success? Who else would have come to Iwo Jima to make the World War II drama "Flags of Our Fathers" and, out of curiosity and empathy, opted to also make a film ("Letters from Iwo Jima") about the other side of the battle field?

And who would have expected the man—"a tall, chiseled piece of lumber, a totem pole with feet," as James Wolcott called him—mythologized as both The Man With No Name and Dirty Harry would be taken

by the story of the guys behind "Big Girls Don't Cry"?

"The whole secret in life in any profession, regardless of whether it's entertainment or anything else, is just being interested," Eastwood says. "Are you interested in life? Are you interested in what's going on? Are you interested in new kinds of music?"

Eastwood, a piano player and jazz fan, has long been known for his passion for music. He made a film about Charlie Parker ("Bird"), sung in "Paint Your Wagon" and "Gran Torino," produced a documentary on Thelonious Monk ("Straight No Chaser") and has composed most of his scores over the last decade.

But the falsetto-rich pop confections of Valli (played by John Lloyd Young, who originated the role on Broadway) and the Four Seasons would seem a higher register than Eastwood's natural pitch.

"So many times you'd look off to the wings or even between shots and see him standing there trying to figure it out

for himself, going (in a high voice) "Ooooo," says Michael Lomenda, who plays the Four Seasons' Nick Massi in the film.

Though the "Jersey Boys" sensation on Broadway immediately brought interest from Hollywood, earlier adaption attempts flatlined before Eastwood revived it with Warner Bros.

"I couldn't understand quite why after nine years on Broadway, somebody didn't want to do it," says Eastwood.

Eastwood favored a faithful adaptation written by the musical's writers, Marshall Brickman and Rick Ellice, and cast veterans of the Broadway and touring productions over more

famous options. Erich Bergen, who plays songwriter Bob Gaudio, and Lomenda both come from touring shows. Vincent Piazza of HBO's "Boardwalk Empire" was the lone outsider.

"We knew there was no chance in hell it would be turned into fluff," Young says of hearing that Eastwood would direct "Jersey Boys."

Instead, Eastwood's film, which opens Friday, has more melancholy than your average musical, and gravitates toward the group's tumultuous offstage personal lives. Eastwood's famously efficient style of filmmaking—usually just one or two takes, always

on time and under budget—was an education for the actors, most of them unseasoned in moviemaking.

"His fearlessness is somehow contagious," says Piazza. "The harmony that you walk into and the space he creates for you as an actor is a rare, rare thing."

Though Eastwood may seem like cinema's answer to a chunk of Mt. Rushmore, he has a warm presence and is quick to smile. He has a habit of pulling taut the skin of his cheek, as if making age an idle plaything. He chases a publicist who has come in to wrap up the interview with a scowl and a good-natured "Get out!"



Eastwood

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF

## †Harold Arthur Burnette, Sr.

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Children and Grandchildren:*

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**Andrew** and Jessica Burnette (Aaron Justin, Celestiana Jady)

Daily Mass of Intention are being offered at 6:00p.m. at Santa Soledad Church in Kagman followed by Holy Rosary.

Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

His remains will lie in state at Santa Soledad Church from 7:30 a.m. for Responso Service and Holy Rosary.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Interment Service will follow at Santuario Pax Memorial Gardens where he will be at a peaceful rest with †Tona and †Harold Jr.

Please join us in prayers

**The Family**

### *In Celebration of his new life*

## †David Reyes Lizama

April 26, 1965 – June 9, 2014

He will now join his...

**Mother:** †Juliana Blas Reyes Lizama  
**Father in Law:** †Alberto M. Mortos Sr.  
**Grandparents:** †Juan Palomo & †Emilia Crisostomo Lizama  
**Grandparents:** †Jose Cruz & †Nicolasa Blas Reyes  
**Brothers/Sisters:** †Pedro Reyes Lizama  
‡Josephine Reyes Lizama  
**Brothers/Sisters in law:** †Arnie R. Mortos  
‡Lorenzo R. Mortos  
‡Bany R. Mortos  
‡Arnie R. Mortos II

He will live in the hearts of his...

**Father:** Mariano Crisostomo Lizama  
**Mother in law:** Elma Raymundo Mortos  
**Wife:** Rosie Raymundo Mortos Lizama  
**Children:** Dave Almario M. Lizama  
Roshelle Ann M. Lizama  
Davelyn Rose M. Lizama

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Juan Reyes & Janet Camacho Lizama and children  
Matilde Lizama & Henry Cruz Pangelinan and children  
Celina Lizama De Leon Guerrero and children  
Lorenzo Reyes & Rosa Bermudes Lizama and children  
Emilia Lizama & John Amato and children  
Carmen Camacho Lizama and children  
Bernadita Lizama & Jack Mettao and children  
Dorothy Lizama & Edward Iglesias Sablan and children  
Maria Magdalena Lizama and Peter Quichocho Cruz and children  
Emiliana Lizama & Matthew Hirochi Agulto and children

**Brothers/Sisters in law:**

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Alma & Nestor Crisostomo and children  
Samuel Ida and children  
Arlo R. Mortos  
Ali & Preshille Mortos and children  
Andy & Neri Mortos and son †John Andrie  
Anelyn & Clive Nickless and children  
Analie and Rofel Pascua and child  
Ana Jean R. Mortos and child

Final Viewing and Last Respect will be held at the Borja Funeral Home on June 21, 2014 at 8:30am to 10:30 am, followed by interment at the Tanapag Cemetery at 11:00am.

Thank you very much, Si'Yu'us Ma'ase & Maraming Salamat Po

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# NYC mayor sings 'I Love L.A.' on Kimmel's show



In this photo provided by the American Broadcasting Co., New York Mayor Bill de Blasio, center, appears on the Jimmy Kimmel Live show, Monday, June 16, 2014, in New York.

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The mayor of New York City sang “I Love L.A.” on “Jimmy Kimmel Live” Monday night to settle a Stanley Cup wager with Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti.

Mayor Bill de Blasio appeared via satellite from the ABC studios in Times Square as Garcetti joined the late-night host in his Los Angeles studio.

“Jimmy, I always wanted to meet you, but not like this man,” said de Blasio, who was wearing a black T-shirt with the slogan “I (heart) LA.”

“We New Yorkers honor our bets, but I don’t have that great a singing voice,” de Blasio said after Kimmel thanked the mayor for fulfilling the bet.

De Blasio then sang a verse and the chorus of “I love L.A.” with 10 members from New York City’s 52nd Street Project student chorus.

“Mayor de Blasio, you look like a counselor at the worst camp ever,” Kimmel joked.

“Jimmy, this is a hostage situ-

ation,” de Blasio retorted.

De Blasio also treated the studio audience in Los Angeles with Gray’s Papaya hot dogs from New York, but Garcetti brought local favorites Pink’s Hot Dogs.

“I’m going to stick with Pink’s. They make those Gray’s Papaya hot dogs taste like a steaming bag of New York garbage,” Garcetti cracked.

Earlier in the day, Garcetti made waves when he let fly with the F-word in front of millions of people as he led his city in celebration of the Los Angeles Kings’ second Stanley Cup championship in three years.

“There are two rules in politics,” the usually soft-spoken mayor told the Kings and their fans. “They say never ever be pictured with a drink in your hand. And never ever swear.

“But this is a big f---ing day. Way to go, guys.”

The Los Angeles Kings won the title on Friday night on home ice with a 3-2 victory over the New York Rangers.

## DreamWorks mixing faves, newbies in YouTube debut

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—When AwesomenessTV launched as a YouTube channel two years ago, it was a bet by veteran TV and movie producer Brian Robbins on the ability of teen and tween audiences to find videos they love to watch online.

On Monday, Robbins kicks off DreamWorks TV, another YouTube channel that represents one of the first attempts by Hollywood to mesh the polished look of movies with the chaos of content on the

Internet.

The channel is aimed at 6 to 11 year olds and will have a mix of videos featuring characters familiar to DreamWorks Animation audiences—like “Shrek” and Po from “Kung Fu Panda”—alongside those who haven’t yet made it big—like cardboard cut-out news anchors from “The Report Card.”

The hope is that kids who come to watch their favorite characters will get interested in new ones that might one day be-



AP

This undated image provided by DreamWorksTV shows Jenn McAllister, host of “Record Setter Kids with JennXPenn” one of more than a dozen new shows on DreamWorks TV.

come just as valuable.

Robbins compared his channel to cable TV networks such as MTV and ESPN in the 1970s and ‘80s. What were once fledgling networks that no one watched have now become multibillion-dollar enterprises that are the bedrocks of major media companies.

“This is really about building the cable channel of tomorrow,” Robbins said in an interview. “What we think is happening digitally is that the next generation of those brands will be born out of this digital revolution that’s going on.”

AwesomenessTV was one of the startup channels that received a small piece of the \$100 million in seed funding that YouTube doled out to some 100 creators two years ago to develop original content for the online video platform.

Today, it is one of the few to have amassed an audience large enough to attract the attention of a major studio. DreamWorks

Animation SKG Inc. bought AwesomenessTV in May 2013 for what could exceed \$100 million if the channel operator continues to hit its earnings targets. This March, The Walt Disney Co. said it would pay up to \$950 million for rival YouTube channel operator Maker Studios, a price that makes the AwesomenessTV deal seem like a bargain.

The online platform will be a relatively inexpensive way to develop hits and to forget failures.

Birk Rawlings, head of animation at DreamWorks TV, said the network will debut more than a dozen new shows in the first few weeks, including “Jimmy Blue Shorts” and “Fifi Cat Therapist.” One live-action show will re-imagine the comic book character “Richie Rich,” one of the hundreds of characters DreamWorks acquired when it bought Classic Media in June 2012.

### First Year Death Anniversary

In Memory of a Life so beautifully lived,  
a Heart so deeply loved

†Joanne Christine  
Conrad Jones-Iguel

Lovingly known as “Jo”

Please join us in prayer as we remember our beloved ‘Jo on the First Anniversary of her new life in Heaven.

Daily Mass offering will be from June 21 - 29, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bithen Delos Remedios Church in Tanapag.

On Tuesday, June 24th and Thursday, June 26th Mass will be offered at San Roque Church at 6:00 p.m.

On Sunday, June 22nd and 29th Mass will be offered at 8:00 a.m. at the Bithen Delos Remedios Church in Tanapag.

On the final day, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 (Sunday), we invite family and friends to join us for breakfast at the Tanapag Social Hall after mass.

Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Kinisou Chapur, Si Yu’us Ma’ase,  
Thank You

The Family





# Tracy Morgan now in fair condition after crash

**NEW BRUNSWICK, New Jersey** (AP)—Actor and comedian Tracy Morgan has been upgraded to fair condition following the New Jersey highway crash that badly injured him and killed one of his friends, his spokesman said Monday.

"His personality is certainly starting to come back as well," said spokesman Lewis Kay.

The 45-year-old former "Saturday Night Live" and "30 Rock" star suffered broken ribs

and a broken leg in the June 7 crash on the New Jersey Turnpike. The crash killed fellow comedian James McNair and seriously injured two other people.

Prosecutors say Wal-Mart driver Kevin Roper's truck hit Morgan's limo.

Roper has pleaded not guilty to death by auto and assault by

auto charges.

A criminal complaint alleges Roper hadn't slept for more than 24 hours before the accident when he swerved to avoid slowed traffic on the turnpike and plowed into Morgan's limo.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc., based in Bentonville, Arkansas, has not explained what Roper's driving



Morgan

## Spielberg's next movies set: spy thriller, 'BFG'

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Steven Spielberg's next two films have been slated for October 2015 and July 2016.

DreamWorks announced Monday that an untitled Cold War spy thriller from



Spielberg

Spielberg will open Oct. 16 of next year, and "The BFG" is planned for July 1, 2016.

The Cold War thriller is to star Tom Hanks as James Donovan, an attorney negotiating

the return of an American pilot from the Soviet Union in 1960. "The BFG" is a live-action adaptation of Roald Dahl's 1982 children's book.

The 67-year-old Spielberg is juggling numerous producing jobs in television and film. His last directed movie was 2012's Oscar-winning "Lincoln."

### SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

#### Zendaya to play R&B idol Aaliyah in TV biopic

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Recording artist Zendaya will portray Aaliyah in a Lifetime film about the R&B sensation who died in a plane crash at the height of her stardom. The biopic will be filmed this summer and is scheduled to air this fall, the network announced Monday. It will trace a career that began with Aaliyah's debut on "Star Search" at age 10. In August 2001 her life was cut short when her plane crashed after takeoff from a Bahamian runway. She was just 22. Zendaya will record four of Aaliyah's songs for the film. She recently released her debut album and its first single, "Replay," has sold 1.1 million copies. She starred on the Disney Channel series "Shake It Up!" and was a runner-up on ABC's "Dancing With the Stars."

#### Paul Simon, Edie Brickell due back in court

**NORWALK, Connecticut** (AP)—Paul Simon and his wife Edie Brickell are due back in a Connecticut court for a hearing in the couple's disorderly conduct case. The hearing is set for Tuesday morning. A police report says the 48-year-old Brickell and the 72-year-old Simon became physical with each other during an April 26 argument inside a cottage on their property in New Canaan.

Brickell told police that he shoved her and that she slapped him. The report says that Simon suffered a superficial cut to his ear, and that Brickell, who smelled of alcohol, had a bruise on her wrist. Both said in court April 28 that they did not consider the other a threat, and no protective order was issued. The singers were married in 1992. They have three children.

#### James Franco to make stage directing debut

**NEW YORK** (AP)—James Franco is adding another notch to his expansive resume—stage director. Rattlestick Playwrights Theater said Monday that Franco will direct Robert Boswell's world premiere play "The Long Shrift" from July 7-Aug. 23. The off-Broadway job will coincide with Franco's current one on Broadway as an actor in "Of Mice and Men." Franco has seemingly been dipping his toe into every element of show business, from acting in TV and films like "Pineapple Express" and "Spider-Man" to screenwriting and producing, or writing a novel and being an artist. He made his Broadway debut this spring with Chris O'Dowd playing two tragic migrant workers trying to make their way through the aftermath of drought and the Depression in 1930s America. The play ends its run on July 27.

route was. It has said it believes he was in compliance with federal safety regulations.

Morgan's assistant, Jeffrey Millea has also been upgraded to fair condition, Kay said. Hos-

pital officials said comedian Ardie Fuqua remains in critical condition.

## Madonna attends preview of Tupac B'way musical

**NEW YORK** (AP)—One of Tupac Shakur's old friends celebrated his birthday by seeing a new play inspired by his music.

Madonna attended a preview of "Holler If Ya Hear Me" in New York City on Monday, which would have been the rapper's



Madonna

43rd birthday. Shakur died in 1996 at age 25.

The musical officially opens Thursday at the Palace Theatre. It uses Shakur's songs to tell an original story about two young men dealing with life and tragedy in a Midwestern industrial city.

Recent Tony winner Kenny Leon is directing.

Madonna sat in the third row. Shakur's mother and show producer, Afeni Shakur, also attended.

"Holler If Ya Hear Me" uses some of the rap genius' well-known songs, including "California Love," "Dear Mama," "I Get Around" and "Keep Ya Head Up."

## Jimmy Fallon takes 'Tonight' to Orlando this week

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Jimmy Fallon is visiting the Sunshine State for his first TV trip since taking over "The Tonight Show."

The NBC show originates this week from the Universal Orlando Resort, where Fallon and company will tape editions to air this Monday through Thursday.

Guests include Jennifer Lopez and Keenen Ivory Wayans on Monday, while Jimmy Buffett and Kevin Hart are scheduled for Tuesday. Rosario Dawson joins Fallon on Wednesday, with George Lopez dropping by on Thursday.

This Florida trip is the first week of remote tapings since

Fallon took over the "Tonight Show" mantle from Jay Leno in February. With Fallon's ascension to the host job, "Tonight" reclaimed New York as its home after decades based in Los Angeles.

"The Tonight Show" airs weeknights at 11:35 p.m. Eastern time.



AP

In this Feb. 17, 2014 file photo provided by NBC, Jimmy Fallon appears during his "The Tonight Show" debut, in New York.

## Free family caregivers kit should be in every home

**DEAR ABBY:** Helping a parent or other adult relative handle their finances and health care can be a challenging gift to give. You want to honor their wishes and respect their boundaries, while at the same time acting in their best interest. But it can be hard to know where to begin and whom to trust, and you always wonder if you're forgetting something.

To help your readers carry out this important role, the Federal Citizen Information Center created the free Family Caregivers Kit. It features publications from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau that explain how to manage a loved one's money and protect seniors from scams. And it also contains publications from the FDA's Office of Women's Health to keep track of medications and learn to use them safely. The kit is full of practical tips that give caregivers the confidence they need to manage a loved one's affairs.

Abby, thanks for sharing the free Family Caregivers Kit. From one daughter to another, you know how important it is to stand up and support family members through life's challenges.

SARAH CRANE, ACTING DIRECTOR, FEDERAL CITIZEN INFORMATION CENTER

**DEAR MS. CRANE:** Thank you for offering this important information to my readers. It is important because accepting

this kind of responsibility should not be done without fully understanding what it will entail. The publications you sent to me—and will send to my readers—provide an illuminating overview of the responsibilities involved.

Readers, this year's packet is not to be missed, particularly if you have aging relatives or a friend who may need you to handle his/her affairs, even for a short period of time.

These booklets are offered free of charge and include the "Managing Someone Else's Money" series of publications, which cover Power of Attorney and Managing Trusts, Property and Benefits. They are written in plain English and are in an easy-to-understand format.

Also included is a pamphlet on using medications wisely. Did you know that 125,000 people die each year because they didn't take their medication as directed—and many more get sick because they didn't properly follow the directions on the label? (I didn't.) Another pamphlet shares information on recognizing and avoiding health scams, so you and your loved ones can watch out for miracle devices and cures that really ARE too good to be true.

But wait! There's more ... You will also receive a copy of the 2014 Consumer Action Handbook, which contains not only information you need to make the best decisions about what you buy and the service providers you use, but also a sample

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# De La Rosa, Red Sox beat Twins, 1-0



**BOSTON**  
(A P) —  
Rubby De  
La Rosa

matched his first career Fenway Park start with another seven impressive innings and A.J. Pierzynski had a sacrifice fly, lifting the Boston Red Sox to a 1-0 win over the Minnesota Twins on Monday night.

Mike Napoli helped get a runner trying to score with a heads up play in a Red Sox victory that came after two one-run losses. Boston is 9-15 in one-run games.

De La Rosa (2-2) gave up only a single in the third inning as he combined with three relievers on a three-hitter. He walked three and struck out three.

Andrew Miller struck out the only batter he faced, Burke Badenhop got two outs and Koji Uehara three outs to remain perfect in 15 save chances. He extended his streak to 31 straight saves over the past two regular seasons.

Kevin Correia (3-8) gave up five hits, walking one and striking out two in six innings.

## Cubs 5, Marlins 4, 13 innings

In Miami, pinch-hitting pitcher Travis Wood hit an RBI double with two outs in the 13th inning to lift Chicago.

Called on to hit for reliever Carlos Villanueva (3-5), Wood hit a sharp groundball off Jacob Turner (2-5) down the left field line, scoring Junior Lake for the go-ahead run.

Wood, who is batting .250 this season, was 0 for 4 as a pinch hitter entering the game.

Miami's Tom Koehler was near perfect to start, retiring 14 of the first 15 batters. Only Mike Olt registered a hit against the Marlins' starter during that stretch.

But the Cubs overcame a 3-0 deficit in the sixth inning.

## Phillies 6, Braves 1, 13 innings

In Atlanta, Ryan Howard homered and drove in the go-ahead run in Philadelphia's five-run 13th inning.

The Braves lost in 13 innings for the second time in three days.

Ben Revere led off the 13th win a sharp single up the middle off David Hale (2-2) before stealing second base and moving to third on Jimmy Rollins' fly ball to right field. Following an intentional walk to Chase Utley, Howard hit a sharp grounder that took one hop past first baseman Freddie Freeman for an error as Revere scored from third.

Marlon Byrd following with a run-scoring single up the middle. Howard scored on a fly ball to deep right field by Carlos Ruiz. Reid Brignac, who had three hits, added a two-run triple.

Antonio Bastardo (4-3) pitched two scoreless innings.

## Rangers 14, Athletics 8

In Oakland, Calif., Donnie Mur-



Boston Red Sox's Rubby De La Rosa pitches during the first inning of a baseball game against the Minnesota Twins in Boston, Monday, June 16, 2014. AP

phy homered twice to help Colby Lewis win for the first time in more than three weeks.

Michael Choice and Robinson Chirinos also homered, and Adrian Beltre drove in three runs as the Rangers got their fourth straight win at the Coliseum. Texas swept a three-game series in Oakland in April.

Lewis (5-4) allowed 10 hits and five runs over 5 1-3 innings to win for the first time since May 25.

Murphy hit a two-run home run in the fourth and a solo shot in the ninth.

Yoenis Cespedes hit a three-run home run while Brandon Moss added his 17th for Oakland. Drew Pomeranz (5-4) allowed eight runs and eight hits in 3 2/3 innings — his shortest outing since joining the A's rotation in early May.

## Indians 4, Angels 3

In Cleveland, Carlos Santana and Asdrubal Cabrera homered, and Cleveland ended Jered Weaver's unbeaten streak at Progressive Field.

Santana's leadoff homer in the fifth inning broke a 3-all tie and moved the Indians (36-35) over the .500 mark. Cabrera hit a two-run homer in the first.

Both home runs came off Weaver (7-6), who lost for the first time in 10 career starts at the Indians' ballpark. Weaver was 6-0 and allowed 11 earned runs in 60 1-3 innings in nine starts at Progressive Field coming into the game.

Trevor Bauer (2-3) allowed three runs in 6 2-3 innings for his first win since May 20.

Carlos Carrasco pitched 2 1-3 innings for his first career save.

## Brewers 9, Diamondbacks 3

In Phoenix, Wily Peralta pitched seven effective innings, Aramis

Ramirez lined a two-run double in the eighth inning and Milwaukee broke open a close game late.

Peralta (7-5) shook off a shaky second inning to keep the NL Central-leading Brewers close against Arizona and Brandon McCarthy.

Milwaukee ran away with it once McCarthy left, scoring three runs in the eighth against Will Harris (0-2): two on Ramirez's third hit and another on a run-scoring single by Khris Davis.

Ryan Braun hit a two-run triple off J.J. Putz in the ninth inning and Scooter Gennett had a run-scoring single after homering earlier in the game for the Brewers, who had 12 hits.

## Mariners 5, Padres 1

In Seattle, on a somber day for the Padres organization following the death of Hall of Famer Tony Gwynn at age 54, Seattle's Kyle Seager hit a three-run homer in the first inning, Brad Miller added a solo shot, and Chris Young threw six shutout innings against his former team.

Gwynn died earlier in the day of oral cancer, a disease he attributed to years of chewing tobacco.

San Diego was shut out by Young (6-4) and a pair of relievers until Carlos Quentin hit a solo homer leading off the ninth. Seager's homer came on a 3-0 pitch from San Diego starter Tyson Ross (6-6).

Robinson Cano added an RBI double as Seattle scored all five runs in the first two innings.

## Royals 11, Tigers 8

In Detroit, Omar Infante hit a three-run homer in the sixth inning and had an RBI single in a four-run fifth against former teammate Justin Verlander as Kansas City beat Detroit.

The Royals have won a sea-

son-high eight straight to pull within a half-game of the AL Central-leading Tigers.

Detroit scored six runs in the ninth inning and pulled within three on J.D. Martinez's two-out grand slam off Donnie Joseph.

Michael Mariot struck out Austin Jackson looking for the final out.

Jason Vargas (7-2) gave up two runs on seven hits and two walks to win his third straight.

Verlander (6-7) allowed seven earned runs in consecutive starts for the first time in his career, giving up a season-high 12 hits and striking out two over six innings.

## Rays 5, Orioles 4

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Jerry Sands, Yunel Escobar and Ryan Hanigan homered to lead Tampa Bay past Baltimore.

Sands' first homer since Sept. 20, 2011, a two-run, pinch-hit shot off Brian Matusz, snapped a 3-3 tie in the eighth inning. Escobar hit a solo homer in the first and Hanigan added a two-run drive in the fourth for a 3-0 lead against Orioles starter Wei-Yin Chen.

Sands went deep on a 2-0 pitch after Matusz replaced Darren O'Day (2-1), who departed with a runner on and two outs.

Adam Jones homered for the second straight day for Baltimore, hitting a two-run shot in the sixth.

Jake McGee (3-0) got the last two outs in the top of the eighth, giving up a tying infield RBI single to Nelson Cruz. Delmon Young had a pinch-hit homer in the ninth off Juan Carlos Oviedo, who got the last three outs for his first save.

## Dodgers 6, Rockies 1

In Los Angeles, Dee Gordon had four hits, including a triple that was misplayed into four

bases by left fielder Charlie Blackmon, and Hyun-Jin Ryu pitched six strong innings to help Los Angeles snap Colorado's season-best five-game winning streak.

Ryu (8-3) allowed a run and three hits in six innings and struck out six in his 13th start. In his first 13 starts last season — his first in the major leagues — the left-hander was 8-5 with a 2.85 ERA. This was the ninth time this year that Ryu has allowed fewer than three earned runs, and he is 7-0 in those games.

Matt Kemp drove in two runs for Los Angeles, while Hanley Ramirez, A.J. Ellis and Yasiel Puig had RBI singles.

Tyler Matzek (1-1) allowed three runs and 10 hits through five innings in his second big league start and did not strike out a batter.

## Cardinals 6, Mets 2

In St. Louis, Allen Craig and Matt Adams each had two RBIs and St. Louis got effective work from rookie pitchers subbing for ace Adam Wainwright.

Carlos Martinez allowed an unearned run in four innings in his second career start and Nick Greenwood (1-0) allowed a run on two hits in 3 1-3 innings to win in his major league debut for the Cardinals, who have won seven of eight.

Matt Holliday had two hits, including a single for his 1,000th career RBI in a four-run fifth that put the Cardinals up 6-1.

Jacob deGrom (0-4) gave up six runs on 12 hits in 4 1-3 innings in his seventh career start.

Mets manager Terry Collins batted the pitcher eighth for the first time in franchise history, but New York mustered just five hits and lost for the 10th time in 13 games.

## Padres great Tony Gwynn dies at 54

**SAN DIEGO (AP)**—Tony Gwynn could handle a bat like few other major leaguers, whether it was driving the ball through the “5.5 hole” between third base and shortstop or hitting a home run off the facade in Yankee Stadium in the World Series.

He was a craftsman at the plate, whose sweet left-handed swing made him one of baseball's greatest hitters.

Gwynn loved San Diego.

San Diego loved “Mr. Padre” right back.

Gwynn, a Hall of Famer and one of the greatest athletes in San Diego's history, died Monday of oral cancer, a disease he attributed to years of chewing tobacco. He was 54.

“Our city is a little darker today without him but immeasurably better because of him,” Mayor Kevin Faulconer said in a statement.

In a rarity in pro sports, Gwynn played his whole career with the Padres, choosing to stay in the city where he was a two-sport star in college, rather than leaving for bigger paychecks elsewhere. His terrific hand-eye coordination made him one of the game's greatest pure hitters. He had 3,141 hits—18th on the all-time list—a career .338 average and won eight batting titles to tie Honus Wagner's NL record.

He struck out only 434 times in 9,288 career at-bats. He played in San Diego's only two World Series—batting a combined .371—and was a 15-time All-Star. He had a memorable home run in Game 1 of the 1998 World Series off fellow San Diegan David Wells, and scored the winning run in the 1994 All-Star Game despite a bum knee.

Gwynn never hit below .309 in a full season. He spread out his batting titles from 1984, when he batted .351, to 1997, when he hit .372.

Gwynn was hitting .394 when a players' strike ended the 1994 season, denying him a shot at becoming the first player to hit .400 since San Diego native Ted Williams hit .406 in 1941.

Gwynn befriended Williams and the two loved to talk about hitting. Gwynn steadied Williams when he threw out the ceremonial first pitch before the 1999 All-Star Game at Boston's Fenway Park.



# Spurs could stick around, even if Duncan doesn't



**SAN ANTONIO** (AP)—Tim Duncan conducted his postgame interview flanked by his two children. Someday soon he may decide that they, and not Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili, will be his full-time running mates.

Duncan's eventual retirement—whether it's next week, next summer, or after the next championship—probably won't end what's been a 15-year run at or near the top for the San Antonio Spurs.

San Antonio appears to be positioned to keep rolling along.

The Spurs looked better than ever in demolishing the Miami Heat in five games for their fifth championship, finishing it off with a 104-87 victory Sunday that set off a horn-honking celebration that lasted deep into the night.

With good players in place and perhaps unmatched leadership at the top that will find more, the Spurs don't figure to go away, even when their big man in the middle finally does.

"I think I said it many times. There was not one season since I'm in the NBA that I really didn't truly believe that we could have won it," Ginobili said. "Every year we were up there. Sometimes we were No. 1 and we lost in the first round. Some other times we were seventh and we had a shot at winning it."

"But playing with the teammates I've always played, coached by the guy that is coaching us, I always felt that we had a shot, and I truly never believed it was the last shot."

This probably wasn't, either. True, the 38-year-old Duncan realizes the end is near, though won't say and perhaps doesn't know how close it is. Ginobili will be 37 next month and may be entering the last stage of his career as well.

But Parker shows no signs of slowing down, NBA Finals MVP Kawhi Leonard looks ready for an even bigger role, and coach Gregg Popovich and general manager R.C. Buford, whom Commissioner Adam Silver called "perhaps the greatest GM-coach combination in all of sports," have shown they can find good players and make them better once they don the silver and black.

"My secret is these guys behind me, Coach Pop and R.C. That's my secret," owner Peter Holt said. "It doesn't start at the top, it starts with them. And it's a wonderful group to be with."

The only prediction about the future Sunday night came from Popovich, and it was about the Heat. Though the former champions are heading into an uncertain summer with LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh all eligible for free agency, he said Miami would be back.



San Antonio Spurs forward Tim Duncan center, is joined by his daughter Sydney, left, and son Draven, right, during a news conference after Game 5 of the NBA basketball finals against the Miami Heat on Sunday, June 15, 2014, in San Antonio. AP

It wasn't long ago people had stopped saying that about San Antonio.

Beaten in the first round by rugged Memphis as the No. 1 seed in 2011, the Spurs didn't look strong enough. Ousted by Oklahoma City the next year after building a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference finals, San Antonio didn't seem quick enough.

Yet the Spurs made the nec-

essary tweaks, and when it wasn't quite good enough last season against the Heat, they came back even more focused and left no doubt this time.

"We've adapted and come out here and been able to win another championship," Duncan said. "So proud. It's unbelievable."

Popovich's ability to manage minutes in the regular season, keeping his stars fresh

and providing valuable experience for his role players, could position San Antonio for another lengthy playoff run. But there will be eager challengers ready to pounce, particularly if the Spurs just don't have the same hunger after being driven through this season by the pain of last year's finals loss.

Right within their own state, Houston or Dallas could change the balance of power

by adding Carmelo Anthony. And of course James could stay in Miami with much stronger pieces around him, or join another club that would become an immediate title threat.

So the league could look very different. But with the Spurs on top again, it sure seems familiar now.

"The Spurs continue to get better. Obviously they kept

those three guys intact, but they continue to put guys around them, high basketball-IQ guys around them, high-energy guys around them that fit into the system of what Pop wanted to do," James said. "Obviously, it's not just about the Spurs, it's about the whole league. The whole league is excited about returning next season and we'll see what happens."

## Miami's Chris Bosh says Heat season was a grind

**SAN ANTONIO** (AP)—About an hour after the season ended, Chris Bosh was standing near the bus ramp from where the Miami Heat would soon depart for the airport and the offseason.

Miami's two-year reign was over.

And Bosh almost sounded relieved.

The Heat got rolled in the NBA Finals by San Antonio, losing in five games, the last three of them lopsided, and for the first time since 2011 there would be no championship parade in Miami. The same team that the Heat wore down in the 2013 finals had all the answers, ushering in a summer for Miami that will be filled with questions about the futures of LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Bosh.

"I don't think anybody really enjoyed this season like in

years past," Bosh told The Associated Press. "There was no, like, genuine joy all the time. It seemed like work. It was a job the whole year. Winning was just a relief. Losing was a cloud over us sometimes and then we'd break out of it—and then go right back. But we got here. We had a chance. They were just better."

That being said, and while hardly committing to a fifth season of the "Big 3" era in Miami, Bosh made it clear: The group wants to remain intact. Whether or not personal choices and financial realities of a salary-capped, luxury-taxed world will allow that to happen remain unclear.

"We want to stay together, man," Bosh said. "I'll say that. It's a great organization, great team and great city. And to have a chance, that's all you can ask for."

James insisted he hasn't thought about what decisions he has to make this summer. Wade has often expressed interest in remaining with the Heat. Bosh has said repeatedly that he wants to stay. But all can become free agents in the next couple weeks, and the Heat might be rooting for that to happen.

By opting out, they could get new deals with the Heat and create financial flexibility for team president Pat Riley to lure new pieces into a locker room that will need new faces.

"The whole league continues to get better every single year," James said. "Obviously we would need to get better from every facet, every position. It's just how the league works."

For as well as he played in Game 5—31 points and 10 rebounds in what would be the final game of Miami's run as champion—James' best

display of defense came afterward, when pressed repeatedly about his future.

"I will deal with my summer when I get to that point," James said. "Me and my team will sit down and deal with it. I love Miami. My family loves it. But obviously right now that's not even what I'm thinking about. You guys are trying to find answers. I'm not going to give you one."

The Heat aren't expected to hold exit interviews until later this week.

James and Wade shared the postgame podium Sunday, possibly for the last time. Wade seemed to be laboring in the last two games of the finals, shooting just 28 percent from the floor and 50 percent from the foul line.

"It wasn't just Dwyane," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said when asked about Wade's

struggles. "It was pretty much everybody except for LeBron."

Wade's knees and health have been a concern all year, never more than in the finals.

"I'm all right," Wade said. "Can't win them all. You try to, but you can't win them all."

The Heat have known for four years that this summer of decisions and possible changes was looming, and have planned accordingly.

Besides the "Big 3," the locker room is filled with free-agents-in-waiting. Chris Andersen, who excelled for little money the last two seasons, will be getting a raise from someone. Mario Chalmers can leave, Ray Allen isn't sure if he'll play in Miami or anywhere else, Shane Battier is retiring and Udonis Haslem—who has been with the Heat for 11 seasons, just like Wade—also has an uncertain future.



# 7 triathletes off to Guam tournament

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Seven CNMI triathletes are leaving Saipan this weekend

to compete in the 2014 Guam National Championship and Pacific Islands Championship Triathlon.

Veteran Tyce Mister leads the CNMI Team, which will race against the host and Papua New Guinea. Palau and Fiji were also invited to send representatives to the Sunday tournament. Completing the Commonwealth's roster are Peter Prestley, Butch Sublemente, Jerome Diyco, Amy Sletten, Kaity Matos, and Kimiko McKagan.

The seven CNMI triathletes earned tickets to the inaugural Pacific Islands Championships after making the grade in the two qualifying races—the Bergerman Triathlon in March and the 25th Tagaman Triathlon in April. Tyce and company will compete both in individual and team races of the Olympic distance event. The tournament will kick off in the waters off Merizo Pier for the 1.5-kilometer swim. Next up will be the 40.23K bike leg around Merizo Village (two laps) and finally the 10K run leg.

Mister is hoping to finish in the Top 10 this Sunday and recover quickly from a minor knee injury in a soccer game last weekend.



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Tyce Mister, seen here during the bike leg of this year's Tagaman Triathlon, and six other CNMI triathletes are heading to Guam this weekend for the 2014 Pacific Islands Triathlon Championships.

"I was feeling really strong until this past weekend when I injured my knee playing soccer. Hopefully, I'll have full recovery by game day on Sunday, but I'm not having the tapering week I planned. The competition is a bit unknown. I know the guys from Guam, but Palau, Fiji, and PNG are mysteries to us. I'm sure there will be some very strong athletes from these countries. I hope to finish under 2 hours 15 minutes and place in the Top 10 overall," the Marianas High School teacher said.

This will be Mister's second tournament in Guam this year, as he also joined the 2014 XTERRA Guam in March. He also raced in XTERRA World Championships in Maui, Guam Extreme Adventure Race, Cairns 3 Day Adventure Race, and Cairns Half Ironman in the past years and will use his vast experience in off-island competitions to achieve his goal in the

weekend tournament. Being the most senior member of the CNMI team, Mister advised his fellow triathletes to focus on their race.

"Yes, let others push you a bit, but not too much too early in the race," he said.

While Mister is aiming for the Top 10 finish, Prestley is settling for no less than a win.

"My goal is to win of course," said Prestley, who noted the tough training and preparation they did for the event.

"All of us were already training individually for XTERRA and Tagaman, so the training just continued after those races. In the last month and a half, we started to train more as a team, doing hill repeats during the week, long group rides on the weekends, early morning swims at Pau Pau, etc. It's a little hard because we're all on different schedules and don't have any coaching, but there's a ton of

interest in triathlon on Saipan, so I hope the team will continue to grow every year and get more support through sponsorships and coaching," he said.

The weekend competition in Guam will be Prestley's second as representative of the CNMI after participating in last year's XTERRA World Championships in Hawaii.

As for McKagan, the Pacific Islands Championships is her triathlon debut in Guam.

"I'm excited to race in Guam. I never joined any competitive race in Guam before because I only did a 5K fun run. I have not done Olympic distance triathlon in the last a couple years, so I'm excited about that, too," McKagan said, adding the group rides and swims in the past several weeks keep them motivated.

"I'm not in perfect shape, but I did what I could and train before and after work. I will do my best in the race. I think I will do well in the bike leg. I'm a slow swimmer, so I usually pass people during the bike leg.

I worry about the heat during the race, which starts at 7am, so when we run, it will be very hot.

Anyway, I will enjoy the race," she said.

Meanwhile, the team thanked the CNMI triathlon and cycling communities and host Guam for supporting the squad's participation in the weekend competition.

"Thank you very much to our local organizers for their efforts in getting us there," Mister said.

# San Antonio nears regular season sweep

San Antonio needed two overtime periods to thwart Shocker Nation, 94-89, in the second game of the 2014 DL Corp. Invitational Basketball League last Sunday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

With the close victory, San Antonio remained unbeaten in seven games and moved a win away from sweeping the round-robin regular season. The league-leading team is also assured of one of the automatic semis berths in the nine-squad field, while Shocker Nation dropped to a 5-2 record for third place and must win its last match to have a chance for the second outright semis ticket.

Shocker Nation missed an opportunity to hand San Antonio its first win and move closer to the semifinals when Kevin De Leon muffed the go-ahead free throw in the last two seconds of the first extension period. Deleon was fouled by Prince Factor in the closing seconds of the first overtime, but made only his first free throw for the 84-84 count.

In the second overtime, Shocker Nation hit no field goals and was limited to five free throws, while San Antonio canned three 2-point baskets and finally took the win after connecting three charities, two of them came from Kobe Mendoza.

Mendoza went on to top-score for San Antonio with 22 points, while Darwin Barbo and Emerson Feria also finished in twin

digits with 19 and 10, respectively. Bart Demapan led Shocker Nation with 26. Mike Saturno added 13, while Lester Vertudez chipped in 12, including the last three markers that sent the game into the first overtime.

San Antonio took control of the match in the first half, leading 47-38 at halftime, but Shocker Nation began to regroup in the third period to stay in the game. A 24-13 scoring in the third put Shocker Nation on top, 62-60, entering the final canto. Melvin Cadiang anchored the recovery scoring 7 of his 10 points in the third.

It was a seesaw battle from thereon with Barbo and Mendoza countering Shocker Nation's attack to foil the upset bid.

Meanwhile, Olivos was awarded a win via forfeiture against TBK Mechanic to gain its first victory in six games and keep its playoffs hopes alive. Only one team will be eliminated with the No. 1 and 2 advancing to the semis. No. 3 and 4 to the quarterfinals, and the No. 5 to 8 squads duking it out into the first round of the playoffs.

**San Antonio 94** – Mendoza 22, Barbo 19, Feria 10, Alegre 9, Factor 9, De Guzman 6, Fidelino 6, Arciaga 4, Espinosa 2.

**Shocker Nation 89** – Demapan 26, Saturno 13, Vertudez 12, Cadiang 10, Deleon Guerrero 9, Villanueva 6, Dela Cruz 4, De Leon 1.

**Scoring by quarters:** 21-19, 47-38, 60-62, 74-74, 84-84 (1st OT), 94-89 (2nd OT).  
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## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

##### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	41	30	.577	—
New York	35	33	.515	4½
Baltimore	35	34	.507	5
Boston	32	38	.457	8½
Tampa Bay	28	43	.394	13

##### Central Division

Detroit	36	30	.545	—
Kansas City	37	32	.536	½
Cleveland	36	35	.507	2½
Chicago	33	37	.471	5
Minnesota	32	36	.471	5

##### West Division

Oakland	42	28	.600	—
Los Angeles	37	32	.536	4½
Seattle	36	34	.514	6
Texas	35	35	.500	7
Houston	32	39	.451	10½

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

##### East Division

Atlanta	36	33	.522	—
Washington	35	33	.515	½
Miami	35	34	.507	1
New York	31	39	.443	5½
Philadelphia	30	38	.441	5½

##### Central Division

Milwaukee	42	29	.592	—
St. Louis	38	32	.543	3½
Pittsburgh	34	35	.493	7
Cincinnati	33	35	.485	7½
Chicago	29	39	.426	11½

##### West Division

San Francisco	43	27	.614	—
Los Angeles	38	34	.528	6
Colorado	34	36	.486	9
San Diego	29	41	.414	14
Arizona	30	43	.411	14½

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## UPSET

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Flip Top got the ball back when Fitial's baseball pitch to Rodney Sacramento was anticipated by Lerio Pagarao. Sacramento was then called for a foul, as Pagarao jumped high to get the ball and the latter moved Flip Top within 1 with his pair of free throws, 41.2 seconds left on the clock.

A faltered triple from Lester Vertudez with the 24-second shot clock expiring failed to give Gwap Gang more cushion, however they got

another chance when Quitugua tapped the ball out on the battle for the long rebound. Flip Top then gave up a quick foul on Vertudez, who muffed both charities. After the second miss, Flip Top won the rebound play and rushed to its front court with the clock reading at 18.6 seconds. Aguon was left momentarily open and pulled the trigger. He missed, but fortunately Quitugua was there to pick up the garbage and got a lucky break with Dela Rosa fouling him.

Flip Top had to battle

back in the last minute of the match after surrendering a 9-point advantage early in the fourth period, 55-46. Gwap Gang was back in the game and stole the lead, 56-55, as it went on a 10-0 run in a span of three minutes, dating back from Shane Deleon Guerrero's triple in the last 10 seconds of the third period. It was a close game since then with Quitugua saving the day for Flip Top with his crucial free throws.

In the first match, I Love Saipan bombarded Ali'i with triples to lead all throughout

the match.

I Love Saipan knocked in 11 treys against only three from Ali'i.

Mike Olaitiman led I Love Saipan with 32 points, 18 of them came from downtown. He also scored 4 of the team's last 6 markers to thwart Ali'i's final comeback bid. Raymond Olopai tallied the 2 other points off two important free throws.

## First Game

**I Love Saipan 84** – M. Olaitiman 32, Capalad 14, Pelisamen 13, Ruloked 10, Sharry 6, J. Olopai 3, R. Olopai 2.

**Ali'i 81** – Devero 15, Mateo 14, Demapan 13, Hernandez 11, Peredo 9, Velasco 7, Garcia 3, De Dios 2.

**Scoring by quarter:** 18-17, 42-29, 66-61, 84-81.

## Second Game

**Flip Top 70** – Quitugua 23, Pagarao 22, Barbo 14, Jung 4, Toribio 3, Vidal 2, Aguon 2.

**Gwap Gang 69** – Sacramento 20, Dela Rosa 12, Fitial 12, Deleon Guerrero 8, Vertudez 7, Yap 3, Ito 3, Rabasto 2, Kwon 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 16-19, 34-33, 55-49, 70-69.

## GERMANY

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the 86th as the U.S. defeated Ghana 2-1 in Natal, with Vice President Joe Biden watching and giving the team a postgame pep talk.

Ghana had eliminated the Americans from the last two World Cups.

The two games helped the World Cup continue to deliver lots of goals—44 in the first 14 games.

Nigeria played Iran in the day's other match, and neither team added to that tally. The teams played the first draw of this World Cup, finishing scoreless. Argentina defeated Bosnia 2-1 on Sunday in the other

Group F match, and both will feel confident after watching Nigeria and Iran fail to produce.

Two seeded teams—defending champion Spain and Uruguay—were upset earlier. That fate would not befall Germany on Monday.

It was Germans' 100th World Cup match, and they had it wrapped up by halftime.

Mueller, who led the 2010 World Cup with five goals, scored on either side of Mats Hummels' headed goal as Germany took a 3-0 lead at the break. He added his third goal in the 81st.

"To score three goals in the World Cup opener against such an opponent is great," Mueller said.

"After 20 minutes, we looked up at the clock and thought it was going to be a long day," he added. "But we got into the match very well and when you lead by 2-0 in this heat and then even get the third, it was all over."

Cristiano Ronaldo started at Arena Fonte Nova despite some nagging injuries. The winner of FIFA's best player award faded after threatening early in the match. He had a shot from a break that Germany goalkeeper Manuel Neuer blocked, but there was nobody from Portugal to pounce on the rebound.

The United States scored at beginning and the end, but for most the match it was on the back foot as the Africans at-

tacked, pushed the Americans deep into the box, but failed to finish in a physical match.

Dempsey's goal was the quickest ever by an American and one of the fastest in World Cup history. He's the first American to score in three different World Cups.

Brooks got the winner on a header in the 86th, just four minutes after Andre Ayew equalized.

The 21-year-old defender was a second-half substitute and an unexpected addition to the American roster. He was overcome and fell to the ground as teammates piled on. He made his national team debut in August.

"I said it to the bench minutes before, we're going to

get some chances still," U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann said. "So we are still in the game after the equalizer, we just need to kind of push and push and grind it out. That's what they did."

U.S. players ran onto the field to celebrate at the final whistle, jumping as supporters chanted "U-S-A! U-S-A!"

"We have a great spirit," Klinsmann said. "The U.S. team always has a great spirit and fights until the last second."

The defending Cup of Africa Nations champion, Nigeria will be more disappointed with the draw than Iran.

Neither Iran nor Nigeria has won a match at the World Cup since 1998.



# 2014 HANMI Charity Golf Classic Tournament



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Hyatt Regency Saipan general manager Nick Nishikawa congratulates Championship Flight winner Gi Yeong Kim.



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Geon Ju Lee, left, receives his Championship Flight runner-up prizes from Hyatt Regency Saipan general manager Nick Nishikawa during the awards ceremony for the 13th Annual HANMI Charity Golf Classic Tournament early this month at the Pacific Islands Club.



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Jim Arenovski, center, smiles after winning two Delta airline ticket raffled off during the awards ceremony. Joining him in the photo are Delta Air Lines sales representative Chris Concepcion, left, and Hyatt Regency Saipan general manager Nick Nishikawa.



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A Flight winner Shi Feng Jin, center, poses with third placer Jun Sik Kim, while tournament chair Steve Balakrishna looks on.



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Ladies Flight runners-up, Yong Sook Kwon, left, and Jeong Yoon Kim, are all smiles after getting their awards. Top winner Sherlyn Jones missed the awards ceremony.



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HANMI golf tournament committee member Das Krishnan, right, and the Top 3 winners in the Senior Flight pose for a group photo.



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A lucky player poses with a big bottle of Chivas Regal he won during the raffle draw.



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The Top 3 finishers in the B Flight are joined by HANMI golf committee member Juko Ishikawa, right, during the trophy presentation.



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Aqua Resort Club general manager Hiroyuki Toyoshima, right, joins the Top 3 finishers in the C Flight.





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## Upset wins for Flip Top, I Love Saipan

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**F**lip Top and I Love Saipan are back in contention for the two finals berth in the 2014 DLX/IT&E Invitational Basketball League after stunning their respective foes in the round-robin semifinals last Monday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

I Love Saipan pulled off an 84-81 victory against the then undefeated Ali'i in the first game, 84-81, while Flip Top eked out a 70-69 win over Gwap Gang in the second match. After the second round of the round-robin semis, all four teams hold similar 1-1 records, making tonight's last pair of matches the deciding games for the owners of the two finals seats. Gwap Gang and Ali'i, who swept their first seven matches before losing in last Monday, duel in the second game with the winner battling for the championship trophy against the victor of the first match between I Love Saipan and Flip Top.

Flip Top, which bowed to Ali'i in the semis opener, 50-69, kept its finals hopes alive after Jake Quitugua canned pressure-packed free throws in the last 1.5 seconds of the match. Quitugua trooped to the foul line, as he won the

battle for the loose ball after teammate Ferick Aguon missed a long jumper from the left key. Quitugua picked up the leather at the top key near midcourt and had the presence of mind to dribble toward the basket with the clock winding down. Three Gwap Gang players ganged up on Quitugua and Erick Dela Rosa was caught reaching in, sending the lanky forward to the stripe.

Booed by Gwap Gang supporters, Quitugua silenced them by drilling the first charity. He also had no problems hitting the second one and with Flip Top now ahead, Gwap Gang had no choice but to call for timeout to orchestrate a game-saving play in the last 1.5 seconds of the match.

When the game resumed,

Dixon Kwon made the in-bound from the right sideline and passed the leather to Kelvin Fitial at the right baseline. However, Fitial was hounded by Flip Top defenders and did not even touch the ball as time expired.

Flip Top managed to steal the victory after Gwap Gang squandered a 5-point lead in the last 58 seconds of the back-and-forth game. Gwap Gang gained some cushion going into the last two minutes of the match after Dela Rosa split his free throws and made a putback, while Fitial hit a baseline drive.

Down, but definitely out, Quitugua kept Flip Top afloat when he nailed a reverse layup and drew a foul on the other end. He missed the bonus charity, but

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Gwap Gang's Lester Vertudez is hemmed in by Flip Top's James Sablan, left, and Jake Quitugua during the fourth quarter of their game in the semis round of the DLX/IT&E caging last Monday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.



### WORLD CUP 2014 FEVER

QUESTIONS: How many teams participated in the first FIFA World Cup tournament?

**MECHANICS:** 1 The first 5 persons to give correct answers will get prizes from SSS. 2 Winners are allowed to win only once a week. All age groups are eligible to join. 3 Answers can be sent via Facebook (@Saipan SoccerSchool) or Twitter (@SpnSoccerSchool). 4 Winners will be contacted through Facebook and Twitter. Prizes can be claimed at the SSS office at the JP Centre on Beach Road, from 9am to 10am every Thursday (for Wednesday issue) and Monday (for Friday issue).

Saipan Soccer School joins the rest of the world tuning in to World Cup 2014 actions and will be holding a trivia contest from June 13 to July 11, 2014 to bring the World Cup fever from Brazil to the CNMI. Questions will appear in the Saipan Tribune every Wednesday and Friday.



### WORLD CUP 2014 BRACKET LAYOUT

TAKE YOUR PICK: In addition to its trivia contest, SSS will give prizes to individuals who can guess the teams that will advance to the semifinals and finals of the World Cup 2014. More details to follow.

## Germany and US win, Nigeria-Iran play first draw

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**RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)**—Germany was supposed to be a team that would melt in Brazil's tropics, and the United States was supposed to be a team that can't beat Ghana.

Both teams flipped the scripts on Monday and find themselves tied atop Group G.

In Salvador, Thomas Mueller scored a hat trick and Germany dominated Portugal—which played with 10 men after a red card in the 37th minute—4-0, leaving German President Angela Merkel with a big smile.

Clint Dempsey scored in the first minute and rookie substitute John Brooks scored in

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